Maori throws wet T-shirt at the Queen

Woman

protester

charged

From Richard Long

A young woman was arrested at Waitangi yesterday after throwing a wet cloth at the

Queen during celebrations to

New Zealand. Maori radicals

also heckled the Queen during a speech she gave for the

Waitangi Day celebrations.

The Queen appeared un-disturbed by the incident. Seated with the Duke of

Edinburgh in the back of an

open car, she continued to

smile as the strip of black

clothing, which appeared to be a T-shirt, brushed her as it

passed over her left shoulder.

rather than shocked, as she

was leaning forward, apparently thinking the young

woman was about to hand her

something. A security guard in

the car grabbed the cloth while

spectators and Maori war-

riors, providing a guard of honour for the Queen, sur-

rounded the woman and

handed her over to the police.

She was carried away by two

policemen to boos from spec-

tators and later charged with

The incident was the most

serious at the celebrations

yesterday to mark the 150th

anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi on

February 6, 1840. Generally

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is the subject of bitter dissent

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Reforms aim for big cut in jail numbers

Prison sentences for serious offences only

By Quentin Cowdry and Robin Oakley

policy to make sure hardened criminals spend longer in jail, while keeping petty offenders out of prison, was announced prison, was announced Other proposals include yesterday by the Home heavier fines for the rich, new

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Judges and magistrates will be given statutory guidelines to encourage them to restrict custody to the most serious criminals — such as murderers, sex offenders and drug

The strategy also involves the creation of demanding new non-custodial sanctions aimed at answering criticism from the courts and public that alternatives to custody are too soft. Those would include curfew orders, probation, rigorous community service, day centre attendance, electronic tagging, fines and

compensation orders. Parole rules will be changed so that anyone sent to jail will

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Bucking the trend

Is there no light at the end of the tunnel for our manufacturers and exporters? Concluding his series on the decline of British industry, Tom Bower finds hope for the future - but sounds a final warning: page 26

Portfolio **PLATINUM**

 There were no winners of yesterday's Portfolio Platinum competition, so today's prize accumulates to £4,000. Your chance

to win can be found on page 27 "Artists tend to appreciate prints for their own sake." Now

investors are moving in the same direction. Our Antiques & Collectables feature focuses on the growing popularity of prints: page 29

Storm over Lawson post

A storm has broken over Mr Nigel Lawson, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer after he accepted a second part-time post in the City less than a week after joining Barclays Bank. He is to spend two days a month on the board of GPA, the Irish aircraft leasing company, at a reported salary of more than £30,000. Chaplain accuses, page 2

GPA results, page 23 Regalian sale

Regalian, the biggest residen-tial developer in Docklands, will today put 600 flats worth £180 million for sale on a 50:50 shared ownership basis. Business News.....

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A shake-up of sentencing spend at least half of their depriving an offender of the sentence in custody - rather than a third as at present — and when released, they will be supervised by probation

> youth courts to deal with defendants under 18 and a crackdown on those who wilfully refused to control delin-

Details, reaction Parliament .. Lord Windlesham. Leading article...

quent children. Parents will be forced to attend court and magistrates would take their means into account when imposing fines. The maximum sentences for theft and non-domestic burglary will be

Mr David Waddington, the damental and far-reaching changes for at least half a century in the way we punish offenders". They were aimed at cutting crime and based on the principle of "just deserts".

He also announced a "viccrime, which will be published later this month.

strategy, contained in a Home Office White Paper, received a though there were fears that prison population. expected and that the jail population would increase.

can act as "academies of prisons endangered society.

crime" for early offenders and emphasizing the Government's belief that custody stage where it is not only should be reserved for the most serious offences, Mr Waddington said: We can

opportunity to maintain his family, compensate his victim or make reparation to society when the offence is so grave that there is no realistic alternative to imprisonment."

tract severe punishment and that "the right punishment for violent crime is a long prison sentence"; but many less serious offenders could be punished in the community where they could repay their victim .14 and do "tough and demanding work" for the community.

For all but the most serious offences, courts would have to say why they were imposing custodial sentences; but when prison was required, it was important that the sentence served should relate more closely to that passed. Mr Waddington rejected

bour's deputy leader and home affairs spokesman, welcomed the principles behind tims' charter" spelling out the rights of those who suffer from ing the relation of fines to ability to pay and the forced disclosure of reasons for giv-The broad thrust of the ing custodial sentences. But he said that if parole

was given only when half a remarkable measure of support from MPs, legal experts first effect of the White Paper courts would not respond as • Lord Whitelaw, the former

Lords that the conditions and Acknowledging that prisons overcrowding in Britain's "The prison population has risen until it has reached a

dangerous but wrong in our society. only justify spending well over the state of its prisons, and the £1,000 a month in housing, state of prisoners in our

Prince calls for a hardwood boycott

save the world's rainforests.

The hardwoods, which include mahogany, teak and ebony, should be avoided altogether by consumers, rather than risk contributing to their unnecessary demise", the Prince said. He called for a new global

rainforest treaty, saying that international organizations charged with halting deforestation — the International Tropical Timber Organization and the UN-backed Tropical Forest Action Plan, which was promised £100 million of ex- rainforests, the Prince said. tra British aid by Mrs Mar-garet Thatcher last November

were failing in their task. "Deforestation has actually increased massively during tician who needs to seek the time that these two institutions have been at work," he I hope the world will listen."

The Prince of Wales called last said in a speech at Kew night for a boycott of tropical Gardens, south-west London. hardwood products in a pas-sionate and outspoken plea to only with timber production. and did not take account of the interests of forest peoples.

He suggested that the West would have to relieve Third World debt before efforts at saving the rainforests could be successful. "For hundreds of years, the industrialized na tions of the world have exploited, some would say plundered, the tropical forests for their natural wealth," he said. "The time has come to put something back."

Ours was the last generation that could save the tropical Professor Ghillean Prance director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, said: "The Prince has said things that a polielection might not dare to do.

Serious crimes would at-

calls for a sentencing council Home Secretary, described the to end discrepancies in proposals as "the most fun- sentencing between different courts, between men and women and between black, Asian and other citizens. Mr Roy Hattersley, La-

Home Secretary, said in the

"Any nation which neglects feeding and clothing a crim-prisons, is in the end not the inal; we can only justify society it should be."

There were also reports of the reforms receiving strong back- that it was to be extended. was reported in mid-evening anarchy and chaos. However, ence of how to work and live reforms receiving strong back- that it was to be extended. Mr Gorbachov's vision of a together with other social and Mr Vladimir Brovikov, the nation governed by "humane political entities," he said. ing from his colleagues. President Gorbachov's pro-Soviet Ambassador to Poland democratic socialism", in Officials had predicted conposed reforms of the Soviet Communist Party—including fidently that the meeting his acceptance of an eventual would end yesterday, but it Officials had predicted construction of the communist Party—including fidently that the meeting would end yesterday, but it control communities, on Mondayia, day night led the conservative groups and compete with which faces opposition from a

Royal target: The Queen appears unperturbed as the black T-shirt flies towards her in yesterday's protest by Maori radicals.

From Mary Dejevsky

posed reforms of the Soviet ported yesterday to have encountered strong opposition at the Central Committee meeting, which was extended unexpectedly into a third day.

There were conflicting reports about the way his pro-posals were received, but one unconfirmed version said that fierce condemnation came among others from the leading conservative, Mr Yegor Ligachov, whose hard-hitting speech was said to have been Mr Ligachov: Won applause punctuated by applause. for his hard-hitting attack.



Gorbachov given rough ride on reforms

attack by criticizing Mr Gorbachov for having tried to extend his personal power an oblique reference to his proposal to make the post of State President more powerful - and blamed the policy of perestroika for causing the present economic disruption.

The envoy said the main mistake had been to try to introduce democracy without

first enforcing law and order. Subsequent speakers echoed his views, describing the Soviet Union as verging on

Resignation call. Calculated gamble...

them for power, received strong support from several senior leadership members.

Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Prime Minister, whose enthu- Azerbaijan, which has been in siasm for political reform has a state of virtual war with the sometimes seemed lukewarm, was quoted by Tass as saying that a multi-party system was said part of the trouble now a "fait accompli" in the stemmed from republics look-Soviet Union. "Communists ing to Moscow for solutions to should learn the difficult sci- their problems.

His views were supported strong nationalist movement seeking unification with Romania. He called for a new treaty to define relations between them and Moscow to make the country a "union of sovereign states".

The new party leader in neighbouring republic of Armenia for the past two months,

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New wind and storm alert today

By Paul Wilkinson

Floods and high winds are expected to strike Britain today as a depression moves in from the Atlantic.

Scotland and Northern Ireland should get some respite, at least until the evening, from the foul weather, but coastal regions in southern England can expect a battering.

The London Weather Centre said: "The main problem will be the rain coming after so much has already fallen."

Two fishermen were miss-ing in Plymouth Sound last night after a search by a Navy helicopter, a lifeboat and coastguard patrols. The men, one aged 40 and the other 17, were collecting crab pots in their 17ft boat Tara 1.

Brixham coastguards said: "Sea conditions were choppy but we have no idea what

De Klerk makes more concessions

By Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg, and Gavin Bell, Cape Town

saying it would scrap the three-year-old state of emergency completely as soon as possible and indicating that it was willing to end race classification, the foundation

Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister, told journ-alists: "I think it must be obvious that this Government would wish to withdraw the not a precondition. last bit of the emergency situation as soon as possible." He said that the ANC, in its response to Mr de Klerk, could help make this possible.

Mr Gerrit Viljoen, the Min-ister of Constitutional Affairs, said at a news conference that the 1950 Population Registration Act, which classifies Continued on page 22, col 5 proposed talks on a shared

South Africa added new con-future for the country's five cessions yesterday to Presi-million whites and 27 million dent de Klerk's reforms, blacks.

The concessions came as Nelson Mandela, the nationalist leader, seemed to move away from confrontation with Pretoria over the terms for Threat to Mandela 10

Journalists expelled 10 his release, saying that the

lifting of the emergency was Dr Alan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, said after conferring with the ANC lead-

er yesterday that Mandela still wanted the Government to release all political prisoners and to lift the state of emergency before freeing him.

"But if they come in here everyone by race at birth, and tell him 'We're releasing would be up for negotiation in you now', he will not hang on proposed talks on a shared Continued on page 22, col 5

A handy gadget to avoid mother-in-law's call

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From Charles Bremner New York

How on earth could she have all that information on you and your family? Very simply, thanks to the technology now being deployed by the big US telephone companies.

are now equipping home telephones in half a dozen states to indicate the

number making the call. One experi-mental service in New Jersey even announces the name of the caller on a launching its new service. londspeaker to help you to decide whether to pick up the telephone.

"caller identification" services profitably for a couple of years, but with the technology now becoming available to private customers, Congress and state legislators around the country are stepping in to curb what many people see as gross invasion of their privacy.

Last week a draft law was introduced in the Senate to give callers the right to prevent their telephone numbers from being seen. The Pennsylvania legislature has just barred the introduction of "caller ID" pending legal hearings, and California has ordered the telephone

The supporters of "caller ID" say they do not understand what the fuss is about. Seeing the number, and with some services the name and address, of your caller, cnables you to screen calls, to avoid your mother-in-law, ex-spouse or a computer trying to sell you life insurance. There have been few complaints in

New Jersey, where the scheme has been operating for over a year. For a small fee, the customer there receives a digital box that displays the calling number. The police say anonymous and obscene calls have dropped dramatically.

It is also assumed to have caused a drop in calls from errant spouses saying they are working late at the office.

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You are thinking of buying a stereo, so you telephone a firm in another state to check their prices. A saleswoman answers, greeting you by name, inquires about your love of Wagner and suggests a CD player for your wife's Toyota.

To the delight of marketing firms and the victims of obscene calls, and to the horror of philanderers and ex-directory subscribers, the telephone companies

Business subscribers have been using

NEWS ROUNDUP

USAF stop flights after second crash

Flights by US fighter aircraft in Britain were grounded for the day while safety procedures were reviewed yesterday after two jets crashed within 24 hours; although the USAF insisted that the two accidents were just an unfortunate coincidence (Paul Wilkinson writes).

The grounding order came after the pilot of an A10 "Tankbuster" from RAF Alconbury, Cambridgeshire, died when his plane went down in the Black Mountains near Capel-y-ffin in Powys. Another US airman was killed on Monday when his FI-11 bomber crashed into The Wash off Lincolnshire, and a second crew member is missing.

The USAF said: "We have decided to suspend operations in the UK so we can review safety procedures and operations. There is no suggestion of a fault in the planes because they are very different aircraft. These crashes were unrelated. The only things they have in common are that they both happened in the UK within a short space of time." Normal flying operations would be resumed today.

Call for court access

Mr Allan Green, Director of Public Prosecutions, yesterday made out his strongest case yet for lawyers in the Crown Prosecution Service to be given the right to take crown court cases (Frances Gibb writes). He said that if they were not, and solicitors in private practice were, it would have a "deleterious effect" on recruitment to the service. Under the Courts and Legal Services Bill now in the Lords, the Lord Chancellor's new advisory committee, with the senior judges and the professions, will agree rules on wider rights of audience for solicitors.

999 crews 'returning'

Leaders of the ambulance crews denied last night that the dispute was beginning to crumble in spite of a claim by Mr Alan Parker, Chief Ambulance Officer of Leicestershire, that staff in his area were returning to work in steady numbers (Tim Jones writes). There was also a return to work by 11 crew members at Wilford, Nottinghamshire. A spokeswoman for Nupe said: "In spite of these isolated reports, the reality is that the dispute is hardening."

Award for comedian

The Variety Club of Great Britain, the showbusiness charity, named Lenny Henry, the comedian who fronted the Comic Relief fund-raising campaign last year, as its Personality of the Year yesterday. Rowan Atkinson was named BBC TV personality. Sir John Gielgud, aged 85, received a special award for his services to entertainment over 60 years. The cast of Coronation Street was given the ITV personality award. The awards were presented at the London Hilton.

Benefit appeal fails

An important challenge to government powers to claw back benefits wrongly paid to claimants failed yesterday in the Court of Appeal. It rejected an appeal by Mr Alan Britnell, of Ardwick, Manchester, against a High Court decision allowing the Department of Social Security to recoup over-payments of unemployment benefit made 16 years ago. The court supported a High Court ruling that under the 1986 Social Security Act the department could make the clawbacks.

Clarke in talks call

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, yesterday called for talks with health professionals in an attempt to allay fears for clinical standards in a reformed health service (Nick Nuttall writes). The Department of Health said the move, in the form of a letter to the presidents of the medical royal colleges, should not be seen as a government U-turn on the health reform Bill. It does does not include the introduction of self-governing hospitals or GP budgets.

Rushdie tells of ferocious attacks

Salman Rushdie referred to and filmed by the BBC. In the "bewildering ferocity" of contrast to the normally re-attacks on The Satanic Verses laxed security at the institute, in a lecture delivered last night all bags were searched and by Harold Pinter, his friend visitors subjected to a check and fellow writer, amid strin- with metal detectors. gent security precautions at the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London.

Mr Rushdie wrote of his 12 months spent in hiding because of death threats from because of death threats from Until recently, he would those who consider the book to be blasphemous.

Until recently, he would have replied no. "Now, however, I find my entire

He said: "It has always been a shock to me to meet people for whom books simply do not that for many millions of nation and alongside it my human beings, these books are clearly without value.

nation and alongside it my own notions of The World, The Text and The Good?"

"We have been witnessing attack upon the very ideas of such bewildering ferocity that for fact. it has become necessary to restate what is most precious the BBC radio arts proshout the art of literature."

The 40-minute talk was

The Herbert Read memorial lecture, in which Mr Rushdie discussed the state of the modern novel, was entitled "Is Nothing Sacred?"

world picture under fire. Do I perhaps find something sacred after all? Am I prepared to set matter. In the last 12 months I aside as holy the idea of the have been obliged to accept absolute freedom of the imagi-

In an interview given a year an attack upon a particular ago but broadcast for the first work of fiction that is also an time last night, the author said the novel form, an attack of mistaken The Satanic Verses

He conceded, however, on gramme Kaleidoscope it might have caused offence because it heard by an audience of 200 charted new territory.

Most chemicals missed by water monitoring

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Only a fraction of the man-made chemicals seeping into the water networks of Britain are being monitored, according to Professor John Knill, chairman of the Natural Environment Research Council.

Yesterday he told experts from the new National Rivers Authority, the water authorities and local government that "there has never been a time when the problems of water quality were so generally recognized, or to which solutions were so urgently demanded".

Professor Knill opened a meeting at which scientists from a number of the council's laboratories presented

The Church of England

clergyman said it was difficult

for the Government to per-

suade people to accept small pay increases when they saw the rich getting richer and

people accepting appoint-ments with large salaries.

Mr Lawson was also criticized by Mr Reg Hales, the leader of the Conservative

group of Birmingham City

council, who has transferred his account from Barclay's

Bank where the former Chan-

cellor is believed to be earning

at least £100,000 as a two-day-

week non-executive director. Mr Hales said the salary was

Canon John Grimwade, a

chaplain to the Queen,

Mr Lawson: Joining Irish

aircraft leasing company.

criticized Mr Lawson after the

announcement that he was

joining the board of GPA, the

Irish aircraft leasing company based in Shannon, Co Clare,

at a salary of between £30,000

He said it was wrong for the

Government to encourage

ambulancemen to accept

small wage rises when the

former Chancellor was getting

"When you get the am-

bulancemen standing up for

their wage claim, these

appointments do not make it

easy for the Government to

expect others to accept small

increases," Canln Grimwade

"It is a symptom of an element of greed creeping into society. The Tenth

society. The Tenth Commandment is Thou Shalt

Not Covet' and we all seem to.

Canon Grimwade, a Chap-

be covering more and more."

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'almost obscene".

the findings of joint research point-ing to serious water quality micrograms per litre.

Dr Paul Whitehead, from council's Institute of Hydrology, at Wallingford, Berkshire, gave results showing that the agricultural chemicals running into rivers and streams rose dramatically during random weather events such as storms.

He said they had monitored the movement of simazine, an organic herbicide used in corn and hop production and on industrial sites. Water samples collected over a period which included two succ-

essive bouts of rain showed peak simazine levels of 60 micrograms per litre, against the EC recom-

Dr Garret FitzGerald, the

former Prime Minister of the

Irish Republic, and Mr Peter Sutherland, the republic's for-mer EC Commissioner, are

both non-executive directors.

Mr Sean Donlon, the republic's former Ambassador in

Washington, and former Sec-

retary to the Department of Foreign Affairs is vice-presi-

dent and last year Sir John Harvey-Jones, former ICI chairman, joined the

"It really is a coup for GPA to get a former British Chancellor," said one source in the

Last night in Dublin it was being said that Mr Lawson's

expertise and knowledge of Westminster and Whitehall

would be an enormous advan-

tage to the firm who through

Mr Sutherland has good con-

tacts in Europe, through Dr FitzGerald strong links with

the republic's civil service and

via Mr Donlon good links

with business and the political

up from scratch by Mr Ryan, a former Aer Lingus executive,

in the tax haven of Shannon.

Mr Lawson, who resigned

as Chancellor of the Ex-

chequer in October, will be

expected to work two days a

He will be a non-executive

main board director and

chairman of GPA Financial, a

new subsidiary, which will develop ways of selling in-

terests in aircraft and aircraft

As with Barclays, GPA de-clined to say how much it will

pay Mr Lawson, but it is

thought he will receive be-

tween £30,000 and £40,000

per year. Mr Lawson will join Sir John Harvey-Jones, and

Mr Sutherland, as GPA non-

and chief executive, said: "Mr

Lawson is one of the world's

foremost economic and finan-

will contribute enormously to

GPA is not quoted on the

stock market but is owned by

an impressive list of inter-

national financial institutions

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the development of GPA".

Mr Ryan, GPA's chairman

executive directors.

and airlines.

leases direct to investors.

month for GPA.

It is worth about £2 billion.

world in the United States.

He said the extent to which such high levels were subsequently reduced by degradation and dilution further down the river network had

Most current routine monitoring programmes into pesticide run-off did not take into account factors such as random weather events and periods of peak application of a particular pesticide or herbicide, he said. There was also a need to improve environmental quality ndards in situations where the EC drinking water directive was not

Dr Stephen Foster, of the British

Geological Survey Hydrogeology Research Group, said groundwaters, which supplied 30 per cent of public water supplies, were under threat from an increasing number of soluble chemicals from agriculture and industry.

He said: "Groundwater pollution takes place stealthily, almost imperceptibly, and the slow movement of water from the land surface to deep aquifers means that it will take many years after a persistent chemical has entered the ground before it affects the quality of groundwater

"By the time the danger is realized large amounts of pollutants are already present," he said. Dr Fos-

ter's group, which first established the accumulation of nitrates in groundwaters from changes in agriculture, is studying the impact of modern chemicals which are being detected in monitoring for the persistence of pesticides in regular

He said the options for treating groundwater pollution were expensive and time consuming.

In addition to groundwater pollution, scientists from the institutes of Terrestrial Ecology, at Edinburgh, and Bangor, North Wales, found that acid rain draining from the uplands was twice the level previously estimated. This has implications for many forests.

Chaplain to Masked 'RUC' man seen on TV



A masked man in the "uniform" of an RUC constable handing over what "loyalist" paramilitaries claimed was an intelligence dossier to two armed members of the Ulster Freedom Fighters. The film was shown on Ulster Television.

Police attack 'dossier handover' as a pathetic publicity stunt

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Loyalist paramilitaries yesterday resorted to what the police described as a "pathetic publicity stant" in a further attempt to embarrass Mr John Stevens, Depaty Chief Con-stable of Cambridgeshire, who is investigating allegations of collusion between "loyalists" and the security forces.

A report on Ulster Tele-GPA is the world's largest vision news showed what "loyalists" claimed was a masked constable in the RUC handing over an intelligence "dossier to two armed and masked to two armed and masked after "photo-copied mon-members of the Ulster Free-tages" of IRA suspects apdom Fighters, the military wing of the Ulster Defence

> The report followed an anonymous phone call to UTV offices in Belfast on Monday night, telling them to send a reporter to a secret location near the Shaukhill Road, close to where they filmed the

> UTV were not able establish what was inside the "dossier" or whether the policeman was genuine. "We

loyalist paramilitaries en- and belt. A claim by the UFF gaged in something," said Mr that he was a member of the "What we can't say is

whether they were actively en- to be a secret "loyalist" gaged in collecting information from an RUC man or whether they were trying to dis-credit the RUC in some way."

further attempt to embarrass the RUC and Mr Stevens. peared on walks in north and west Belfast early on Monday. In a statement the police

"This was simply another pathetic publicity stunt by the UDA, who are obviously fearful of the progress of the Stevens inquiry and are endeavouring to discredit both it and the RUC."

casual examination of the tunic worn by the purported policeman in the film showed it to be ill-fitting. He appeared not were happy it certainly was to be wearing the correct shirt. One senior member of the Paisley.

Gary Gillespie, the station's so-called "Inner Circle" was The "Inner Circle" claims

organization within the RUC A part-time Royal Ulster with member officers in all but one of the force's 38 subdivisions committed to the The police dismissed the destruction of the Anglo-Irish episode, implying it was little agreement and the elimination hay at his farm near Omagh, more than street theatre in a of republican terrorist Co Tyrone.

> aggested in early October, Mr Hugh Annesley, the Chief Constable, described the claim as "arrant nonsen stigation has so far failed to find evidence that the group

Mr Stevens, whose investigation has been under way for nearly five months at a cost of more than half a million pounds, has charged a The police said that even a number of UDA men, among more than 30 people brought before the courts facing a a further round of talks with variety of offences associated the two unionist leaders, Mr with allegations of collusion.

believed to have turned "super-grass" and may have implicated some of his former

Constabulary reservist was seriously ill in hospital yesterday after a booby trap bomb exploded as he lifted a bail of

The reservist, aged 50, who When its existence was first is married with a family, sustained injuries to his face, legs and stomach. The alarm was raised by a neighbour, who rushed to the scene after

hearing the blast. There were reports that the man's farm had recently been searched by the security forces who were conducting a followtrp operation last night to check for further devices.

• Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary has sent written invitations for Jim Molyneaux, and Dr Ian

Channel tunnel progress sets a record

By Michael Dynes Transport Correspondent

Progress on the Channel Tunnel improved dramatically in January even though the British construction crews are still trailing their French counterparts, Eurotunnel announced Lawson spearhead, page 23 In its latest report on

record five kilometres.

nels between Cheriton, near mere 14.8 kilometres separat- 17 weeks behind schedule. Folkstone, and Frethun, near ing the British and French Calais, bored and lined a teams in the service tunnel.

British boring crews earlier target for breakthrough in the shortly begin work.

progress. Eurotunnel said met considerably more diffi- first half of December, leaving Transmanche Link, the An- cult geological conditions than the French running tunnels 12. glo-French construction con- originally anticipated, al- and 16 weeks respectively sortium excavating the two though these difficulties have ahead of schedule, and the running and one service tun- now been overcome, leaving a British running tunnels 21 and

> boring machines are now in That tunnel remains on operation, but the ninth will

Attitudes to television

Viewers say BBC biased towards Tories

By Richard Evans **Media Editor**

Viewers think BBC Television is more biased towards the Conservative Party than at any time in the past 20 years. according to an authoritative annual survey of public atti-tudes published yesterday.

More than one in four - 27 per cent - believe BBC1 favours the Conservatives, compared with 9 per cent who think it is biased towards the

Labour Party. Similarly, BBC2 is regarded as favouring the Tories by 16 per cent of viewers, while only 4 per cent believe it helps Labour. By contrast, ITV has held its reputation as being politically unbiased, while Channel 4 is seen as being marginally

helpful towards Labour. Viewer perceptions of political bias were disclosed in Attitudes to Television, published by the Independent Broadcasting Authority. The survey shows viewers believe BBC tebiased towards the Tories

The Government gave another hint yesterday that ITV franchises may go to companies other than those making the highest cash bid. Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office. than those making the nighest cash use. Mr David Methor, remister of State at the roune Office, told MPs that franchises for ITV could be awarded to "exceptionally better qualified bidders" even if others had submitted higher financial bids. The Independent Television Commission would be able to prefer a "more highly qualified" bidder to one who had put in a higher cash offer. Mr Mellor told the standing committee studying the Bill that the ITC could say "no" to a bid if it thought its business plan called into question programme promises that had been "blithely given". In spite of the assurances, Labour MPs were still not satisfed last night. years from Conservative poli- 10 years of Thatcherism, is the encountering offensive maticians who have accused it of Conservative Party.

anti-government bias.

questioning for the survey last year was modified slightly to reduce a rising level of "don't Mr Norman Tebbit, consistknow" responses concerning ently attack as being more biapolitical bias, this does not appear to be responsible for the marked increase in perceived BBC bias as ITV and Channel 4 figures are almost identical to the previous year.

"The trend seen in previous years towards detecting a pro-Conservative bias on both BBC channels has not abated," the survey says.

Labour was keen yesterday not to become embroiled in levision is more than twice as the issue. A senior party source said: "The BBC suffers

nti-government bias. "Of course, the irony is that
Although the structure of it is the BBC whom the more

unpleasant elements within the Conservative Party, like sed against them then ITV." The BBC said last night:

"We are concerned about standards coincides with the younger clients. "People don't perceptions of bias. But we establishment of the Broad- change their bank very much, understand there have been casting Standards Council, modifications in the way ques-chaired by Lord Rees-Mogg. tions were structured in The BBC has edged closer connection with this report. to the commercial frontiers We need to look at this - and laid down in its charter with the substance of the report before we respond in detail."

adults also shows that viewers were offended less often by of £1.3 million in the next five television output last year. since Mrs Margaret Thatcher from being regarded as the Although more are aware of years (Simon Tait writes).

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terial has tended to decrease". All four terrestial channels

BBC1, BBC2, ITV and Channel 4 - offended consid crably fewer people last year, Bad language was cited more continue beyond five years. often by those who took offence at programmes. The apparent improvement in its latest sponsorship agreement. Lloyds Bank is to The IBA survey of 1,170 support the Young Musician of the Year contest, run by the BBC for 14 years, to the tune Year contest.

BBC would give Lloyds a high profile, with visual and verbal credits during broadcasts. Lloyds would be allowed to feature the sponsorship in its advertising campaigns. Mr Yentob said the agree-

ment was within the terms of the BBC charter, which allows sponsorship of events which are televised but not of television programmes. Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds Bank, said he

hoped the arrangement could He made clear that the sponsorship was in line with the bank's theme of seeking and the one type the banks all most like to get is the talented young person," he said.

The sponsorship has meant a series of master classes with five too soloists, starting on February 19, are to be included in the package for this year's Young Musician of the

Finalists will be accompanied by the National Youth Mr Alan Yentob, controller Orchestra, - also sponsored by

Police on stand-by in Toxteth

By Ronald Faux

Police in Toxteth, Liverpool, stood by last night to deal with further violence after Monday night's attack by youths on police officers. A sergeant was lightly injured, three police vehicles were stoned and three other cars set on fire after 200 youths went on the rampage. Supt Bernard Keegan of Merseyside Police appealed for calm.

Tension in the district has increased in recent days and the Consortium of Black Organizations yesterday ac-cused police of carrying out assaults and making wrongful arrests. They said police bad threatened women and children with vehicles.

Mr Clive Atkinson, assistant chief constable for crime in Merseyside, said last night that the consortium statement was "utterly disgraceful".

"Women and children in Liverpool are not at risk from police vehicles but are in constant danger from stolen vehicles being driven by local youths." he said.

Poll tax prompts Manchester cuts

cuts in next year's budget to need of both. case the impact of the community charge or "poll tax". Some 2,000 council workers

could be offered voluntary early retirement or redeployment in the trimming exercise which the Labour administration claims has been unjustly forced on the city. Further education services

of residential bornes will be transferred to the private sec-Mr Graham Stringer, the

maintaining services and the workforce at present levels high poll tax of more than £700. Revised plans which are to be put to a full council meeting on February 28 are understood to have reduced this to about £455

The council leader has com-Hunt, Minister for Local Government and laner Cities, that Manchester residents would inevitably be left worse off

Manchester City Council is The new tax would strip jobs

preparing to make swingeing and services from a city in This view is strongly re-

jected by Conservatives on the council. Mr Peter Hilton, opposition leader, said that past sins were catching up with the administration. "They have been big spend-

ers for years and turned to creative accountancy schemes when the council was ratewill be slashed and a number capped. It gave them a honeymoon period which is now over and the interest has to be paid," he said.

Mr Hilton rejected Mr council leader, claims that Stringer's claims that the city would be worse off under the community charge. It was would mean an unacceptably correct that the unified business rate would contribute £85. million towards the £800 million budget, but the revenue support grant would be about £200 million.

He said: "The Government's contribution to plained in a letter to Mr David Manchester has gone up by 13 per cent this year and for next year external financing will represent £910 for every

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Death of 79 dogs in airtight lorry

Breeders fined £11,000 for suffocation of beagle pups

and 79 dead

The 21 survivors, including

They were later released to

live as family pets in Sweden.

went post-mortem examina-

Mr Rodney Johnston, a

who examined the carcass

found that death was due to

suffocation and hypothermia,

the lorry was "very nearly airtight" and completely un-

suitable for transporting

were in a state of rigor mortis

before it was realized any of

MacKenzie was interviewed

by the Royal Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Ani-

mals and by Ministry of Agriculture officials and ac-

cepted that he was responsible

for the welfare of the dogs

give evidence and who de-

clined to comment afterwards,

told investigators in Sweden

that he did not believe the

ventilation to be his

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But Mr Corbett told the

MacKenzie, who did not

them had died.

during the journey.

Some of them, whose cages

A lorry-load of beagle puppies destined for a life of laboratory experiments abroad died from suffocation aboard a North Sea ferry because it was feared their plight would be spotted by animal libera-

The 79 dogs died from lack door of the lorry in which they were travelling so no one would see them.

That decision made their container airtight, since the ventilation system was off. It worked only when the engine

The puppies were part of a consignment of 100 beagles being taken to Sweden last September, and the story of how they died was outlined to magistrates in Harwich, Essex, yesterday, when some of the heaviest fines ever imposed animal cruelty were handed out.

Paul MacKenzie, aged 35, a co-director of the specialist breeding company who accompanied the dogs on the ferry was fined £5,500 after admitting two charges of causing unnecessary suffering.

The company, Alpha Sirius Ltd of Malvern, Hereford and real reason for their trans-Worcester, which traded as portation. The breeding com-Perrycroft Farm Kennels, was fined £11,000 after admitting two identical charges.

MacKenzie denied two further charges that he exfurther charges that he ex-posed the dogs to adverse Karin Nordlander, a Swedish conditions and that they had dog breeder, heard the dogs no fresh air; the company screaming and reported the

vehicle inadequate for trans-porting them. No evidence watering the dogs, McKenzie porting them. No evidence was offered on those counts. A and Mr Stevens returned to further charge against the the lorry and ainside discov-Middlesex transport com-pany, Monock Freight, was adjourned until April 10.

Mr Ian Corbett, for the three which had collapsed, prosecution, said the 100 bea-gles were packed in individual embarked at 8am that day. of oxygen after the breeder responsible for their well-being decided to lock the rear the night of September 5, after the nigh a vet had declared them fit and healthy.

They were then driven overnight by the Monock driver, Mr Harry Stevens, and MacKenzie to Harwich where they were taken on board the Gothenburg ferry and watered but not fed

Mr Corbett said: "It is not the only act of cruelty, but it was perhaps the fatal act that at that point the back door of the lorry was closed at 11am on September 6."

The consignment of dogs, worth about £30,000, had been destined for the Swedish pharmaceuticals company Astra, which bought them to test drugs for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

Their documentation des-

cribed them as "breeding dogs" and the ferry owners, DFDS, were unaware of the pany had decided the cargo was too sensitive for the dogs to be given a stopover kennel

In mitigation, MacKenzie. of Ombersley Road, Worcester. was said to have been appalled by the discovery he ade on board. It was also said that he would lose his were re-crated and disdirectorship of Alpha Sirius and have nothing further to do with the care of animals now that his career had been In Sweden, four dogs underwrecked.

In mitigation for the company, it was said that Alpha Sirius accepted vicarious hability and that all three Ministry of Agriculture expert directors had endured the vilification of animal sympa-thizers and others, and had He told investigators that

After the case - brought by the Ministry for Agriculture after attracting the personal attention of Mr John Gummer, the minister - Mr Gummer said he was appalled by were on the upper of two tiers, the cruelty.

"The judgement and fines speak for themselves," he said. "I am determined that whenever the law is broken we shall seek to bring the culprits to book so that people know that cruelty to animals will not be tolerated in a civilized

Mr Frank Milner, a chief superintendent in the Special Investigations and Operations department of the RSPCA. said: "They deserved what they got. It was a terrible case of animal cruelty. It should have been obvious to anyone that there were going to be problems in that lorry. One feels total revulsion about

Helping hand for first Wrens at sea



onds, aged 25, a radio operator, one of the first Wrens to volunteer for sea duty, receiving a helping hand from crew during a visit to HMS Gloucester yesterday.

Kinnock goes on attack over 'raw deal' report

defended the Government's had armed herself for an record on education in the expected Commons assault by wake of a report by Govern- reading the report, disputed ment school inspectors which Mr Kinnock's interpretation. said a third of pupils were

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There were angry exchanges in the Commons when Mr was satisfactory. Kinnock, the Labour leader, accused Mrs Thatcher of being levels were judged good or "satisfied with the mistreat very good. That is not the ment of other people's children in education".

Speaking above mounting uproar, the Prime Minister replied: "The education systhan it ever has been before."

Shortly before the Commons clash Mr John Mac- that justified the fact that in Gregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, had issued a strongly defensive statement asserting that the She said more was being spent inspectors had been generally satisfied with standards.

The furore followed the publication on Monday of the annual report of the Senior Chief Inspector of Schools, Mr praised. Eric Bolton.

per cent of lessons were satisfactory or better, 30 per cent of pupils, especially the least able, were "getting a raw ple's children in education. deal" from the state education

Mr Kinnock seized on the report during Question Time, even send their children to telling Mrs Thatcher angrily: maintained schools." You speak of a good report. It just shows how satisfied you are with the mistreatment of other people's children in

Recalling that the report said a third of children were cher retorted that the inspecgetting a "a raw deal", he tors had faced their task more demanded: "Don't you consider that to be a damning Mr MacGregor, who was indictment of your Gov- clearly stung by the tone of

The Prime Minister yesterday ernment?" Mrs Thatcher, who Whilst there were a number of things to be remedied, 70 to 80 per cent of work in schools

> "Roughly one-third of all profile of a service in great difficulty," she said.

With both sides of the Commons barracking each other, Mr Kinnock said that ing that because in two-thirds of cases things were not bad,

one-third they were lousy. Mrs Thatcher then launched into a defence of her record. per pupil than ever before, there were more teachers in proportion to pupils than ever before and the new National Curriculum had been warmly

Shouting above the hubbub, He said that while 70 to 80 Mr Kinnock said Mrs Thatcher's reponse showed how easily she was satisfied by the mistreatment of other peo-

As Tory MPs barracked him, Mr Kinnock gestured at them and said: "They do not

Which of her reforms, he demanded, would "stop the children of this generation being failed and the children of this generation's future being betrayed". Mrs That-

ing of the report, said in a BBC radio interview that the positive aspects of the report were being ignored.

In a statement issued later he said the real message of the report was that the Government's education reforms were "right for the 1990s".

In schools, reaction to the report was mixed with teachers taking the view that the criticisms were unduly harsh. At the Culloden Primary School in Bethnal Green, east London, Miss Anns Ijpelaar, a Dutch teacher recruited last October, said she felt the criticisms were unfair.

Miss Ijpelaar, aged 31, who spent four years as a music adviser in Holland, said: "It seems very unfair that the inspectors should take this negative tone. They should be

"From what I have seen of London schools since I have been here the conclusions are not fair and they are not true." • King Edward's School, Birmingham, yesterday claimed to have broken a public school record after almost half of its sixth form won places at Oxford and

Cambridge universities. Forty-nine boys out of an upper-sixth year of 105 at the 438 year old independent school have been made provisional offers of places on Oxbridge degree courses - 32 at Oxford and 17 at Cam-

The Chief Master, Mr Martin Rogers, who has been head of the school for eight years, said yesterday: "We are all delighted with the record. It is a superb achievement. "

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Family savings boom forecast

save more over the next five more people eating out and a suffer least because of the years as high interest rates and the credit squeeze continue to bite, according to the market analysts Mintel.

The organization expects people to take holidays at home and to cut down on buying clothes, smoking, drinking and eating out; while investing more in pensions and insurance.

Mintel forecasts a 21 per cent increase in savings in the years to 1994, but even so, the level will still be lower in real terms than it was five years ago. At the moment, people save about 4 per cent of their osable income, compared with 10.2 per cent in 1984, but even a savings boom is not expected to take that ratio above 4.7 per cent.

Spending on sickness and accident insurance is expected to rise by 14 per cent to £1.03 billion at 1989 prices, while spending on life insurance and pensions is expected to climb 12 per cent to £13.66 billion. The fastest growing area will

surance as premiums rise to keep pace with more burglaries and weather damage. Consumer spending will fall by 1.1 per cent this year, compared with a rise of nearly 3 per cent last year, and of

be home and contents in-

about 7 per cent in 1988. Mintel says "the boom years are over" because economic performance has deteriorated and credit will not be so widely available. It expects the economic squeeze and high interest rates to bite hard this year, with people more likely to take holidays at home, and to cut spending on clothing, tobacco, drinks, and

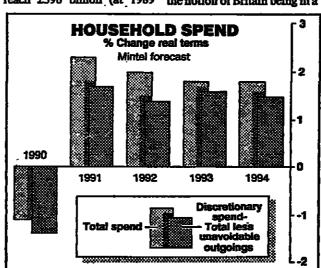
People will spend less and home had been falling with and children's clothes will third of adults having at least one takeaway meal a week. The forecasters expect a

limited recovery in 1991, though, which they predict will be a "buoyant year" with house prices recovering and a 2.3 per cent increase in con-By 1994, the researchers

estimate, total outgoings will cent responding positively to reach £396 billion (at 1989 the notion of Britain being in a

increase in the number of 200,000 households are in working women and the rising Mintel estimates that 27 per

cent of adults are now willing to pay a premium for environmentally-friendly products. The survey also finds that the British are becoming more pro-European, with 72 per



prices), a real increase of 7 per United States of Europe, procent over five years, compared with the real increase of 20 per cent from 1984 to 1989.

For discretionary expenditure (excluding tax, national ing and housing costs) the orincrease of only 5 per cent by 1994, with a 1.1 per cent downturn this year.

The market expected to do worst over the next five years is clothing, which will be handicapped by a fall in the number of 15 to 29-year-olds sating out. in the population, although million of this can be spending on food eaten at manufacturers of women's from the private sector.

vided a high degree of autonomy was maintained. British Lifestyles 1990 (Mintel, 18-19 Long Lane, London, EC1A 9HE, £750)

insurance payments and heat- About half a million families may be in financial ganization predicts an difficulties, according to a increase of only 5 per cent by report by the Money Advice Funding Working Party, which says advice centres will need another £10 million over the next three years to cope with the problems of the growing number of families in this year, but that would lead debt. It is hoped that £6 to increased activity in the

serious financial trouble, hile about 500,000 have passing difficulties. The working party, which

The report, published to-

sat under the chairmanship of Lord Ezra, says a trust should be set up to collect and disburse funding to advice organizations and that a review should be undertaken to find the most cost-effective way of providing advice.

"The present service is not capable of coping with the level of demand and an increasing number of people are finding themselves in need of assistance," it says.

 House prices in Britain have fallen in each of the past six months, with values down by 0.6 per cent in January, a Halifax Building Society survey showed yesterday (Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent writes)

However, the annual rate of house price inflation rose slightly in January to 3 per cent from 28 per cent in December.

The price of new houses showed a recovery in January, rising by 1 per cent in the month - the biggest monthly rise since last March - although over a 12-month period, the rise in the cost of new homes remains below that for the market as a whole at just 2.4 per cent.

In contrast the prices paid by first-time buyers in January were more depressed than the total market, falling by 0.9 per cent in the month.

The Halifax said prices were expected to remain weak million of this can be raised market and to a firm recovery

may train as Harrier jet pilots

By Michael Evans Defence Corresponder

Ministers are studying the possibility of allowing women o train as Harrier jump jet fighter pilots, it emerged yes-terday, as the first Wrens to eer for seafaring duty Royal Navy destroyer. Mr Archie Hamilton, Min-

ter of State for the Armed end of the Navy ban on women at sea in the Com female Harrier and helicopter pilots. "We're looking at that," he said on board HMS

ission in a Harrier was not een in the same light as handto-hand fighting on ground. The only doubts about women financial. It was expensive to

have a baby, he said. tasks as men, however phys-ically demanding. "There is no question of treating them more softly than the men.

was open for a woman to Navy job, First Sea Lady and Chief of Naval Staff.

Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, First Sea Lord, said yesterday it took him 43 years to get to the top but he expected a woman to make it in a shorter nisters to send women to sea.

Commander Jerry Parker, captain of HMS Gloucester, who presented the first nine Wrens who have volunteered to go to sen, said: "Personally, I would be delighted to have women on board. It'll change we can make it work.

It was emphasized that fratemization on board ship would be hanned and the women would have separate sleepi quarters. Wives of sailors and husbands of Wrens would be able to use a free telephone

Commandant Anthea Larken, director of the Women's Royal Naval Service, said the this year.

Second Officer Chella Franklin, aged 25, a weapons engineer who spent five days at sea on HMS Norfolk, a friend, a submariner at Faslane on the Clyde, was pleased she was the first Wren to sail on a warship but "not 100 per cent happy" about her being at sea with 160 men. She said: "We were all so

busy, I don't think the men noticed me. They called me 'sir' most of the time." Navy wives expressed some

anxiety. Mrs Melanie Kelly, of Gosport, Hampshire, whose husband is a chief petty officer on HMS Nottingham, a Type 42 destroyer, said: "It's like dangling a carrot in front of a donkey. They might as well turn the ships into cruisers." However, First Officer Jane Russell, aged 36, whose husband is a lieutenant com-

mander based at HMS Dryad. Portsmouth, said: "I think it might make a few married girls think twice about joining once they have to sign a ...PORTFOLIO

There were no winners of

yesterday's Portfolio Plat-

inum competition, so today's

prize accumulates to £4,000.

£3,000 sculpture' may fetch £5m | Former MI6 agent denies running the

The marble nude sculpture which confounded Dr Charles SALEROOM Avery, a Christie's expert, by Sarah Jane Checkland when it fetched £715,000 last September against an estimate of £3,000 to £4,000, goes on show in London today with a probable price tag of £5 million to £6 million.

The display, at the Alex Wengraf gallery at 59-60 Jermyn Street follows restoration of the piece, and research by Mrs Pat Wengraf It was she who spotted the work lying on the grass at the Wrotham Park auction in Kent, catalogued as an "18thcentury white marble halflength figure of Venus Marina, her head turned to sinister".

Since taking her gamble, she has proven its authenticity as an important work by the 16th-century mannerist scuiptor Giambologna. "It is a unique piece, and

has a full provenance now," Mr Alex Wengraf said yesterday. "It is one of only three outside Italy, and so I leave you to draw your own conclusion about the price".

As to whether Dr Charles Avery, the world expert on Giambologna, has revised his opinion on the work, he said: We have asked him to come

Art Market Correspondent

up and see the work, but it has never been convenient." • Admirers of John Ruskin, the 19th-century art philosopher and and early exponent of "green" issues, are angry at the proposed sale by Sotheby's of a mass of material related to him, estimated at £250,000.

The 300 paintings and drawings are not valuable by themselves, the highest estimate being £40,000 in total for four 7ft sketches drawn by Burne-Jones for the English church in East Berlin. None is by Ruskin himself. But Ruskin experts, often as obsessive as he famously was, believe any dispersal would damage his legacy.

"Ruskin had such a wide, crazy mind, you never can tell what pieces are going to be of by John Howard Whitehouse. use," Mr Peter Fuller, the a Ruskin follower. He bought author of a recent work on much of Ruskin's own collec-Ruskin, said.

April, was a "tragedy".



The Giambologua sculpture, which has been restored. hatched by Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, chairman since the 1950s of the Brantwood Trust.

It runs Brantwood, Ruskin's home in the Lake District, and is also responsible for a collection at Bembridge school on the Isle of Wight, set up under Ruskinian principles Mr Peter Fuller, the a Ruskin follower. He bought tion, as well as other items. The sale, scheduled for like the Burne-Joneses, which

this last category which is being sold.

"My family has spent tens of thousands of pounds on the Ruskin collection," Lord Lloyd said. "Now we have got to get an endowment fund going to pay for the curator and for restoration of works by Ruskin himself". "We are only selling things

that are not directly related to

The collection was used as "a valuable aid" for teaching geography and history. How ever, the present headmaster is technology-conscious, and complains about the cost of its upkeep, he said. He had been trying for

several years to get someone to sponsor the collection. However, Mr Fuller said: "It is not true that every step has been taken. There are a whole range of people who are fanatically interested. None of

us has been consulted at all."

Lord Lloyd hopes the remainder of the collection will soon have its own, new gallery, thanks to assistance from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and from an pril, was a "tragedy". he considered were in the unspecified university, which The plan for an auction was spirit of Ruskin. It is largely proposes to raise £1.5 million. In Week Out, shown last the smuggling venture that I Britain on a long-standing serve an 18-month sentence.

biggest US marijuana smuggling ring smuggler and one-time MI6

He admitted that, in the past, he had used pop groups to smuggle hashish from Colombia, Pakistan, Thailand and the Lebanon into the US but said that it was nonsense Polo of international drugs

United States.

trafficking". Marks, aged 44, was arrested in Spain in 1988 after one six years. He said he had of the world's largest drugs investigations involving enforcement agencies in 14 arrested in 1980 on a second countries, including Britain. smuggling charge, only to be countries, including Britain. smuggling charge, only to be travel agency businesses were His brother-in-law, Patrick found not guilty after his links a front behind which he Lane, has been found guilty of with the intelligence services operated the drugs trade. laundering drugs money and were admitted in court. Marks faces charges in the US which, if proven, could result tremely lucky to get acquitted brother of Mr Colin Moyni-

smuggler and one-une same agent, yesterday denied from a counts, but same management, yesterday denied from a counts, but same management of the largest operation in a two-year prison tually, in a two-year prison ment with MI6 in 1973 was to importing marijuana into the

sentence in Britain.

marijuana. Marijuana hasn't killed anyone in 8,000 years of its use and to describe me as a relationship with an empeddling death is both exployee at the Czech embassy. to suggest, as America's Drug peddling death is both ex-Enforcement Agency has, that tremely insulting and in-he had become the "Marco correct," he said. While on bail in Britain on a

drugs-smuggling charge in 1974, Marks disappeared for roamed the world on false passports before being re-

"I accept that I was ex-

Howard Marks, an Oxford night, he denied claims that he was relating with intelligence fraud charge. He is expected to graduate, convicted drugs had \$30 million (about £17.3 agencies, which was true. I be a key prosecution witness million) in secret bank ac- mean, I still maintained counts, but said he had no relationships with intelligence agencies during that period." He claimed that his involve-

> sentence in Bruam.
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> "If I had my life all over shop enterprise; give information on IRA gun-sanuggling routes into the I rish Republic routes into the Irish Republic routes into the rish Republic system. set up fronts through a dressbased on his experiences of smuggling drugs; and develop Marks, whom Drugs Enforcement Agency officials allege had run a worldwide marijuana-amuggling business for 18 years, claimed he had washed his hands of drug his wine importation and

Marks admitted knowing Lord Moynihan - halfin a 30-year prison sentence. and extremely surprised to be han, the Minister of Sport -In an interview with the acquitted. I made out that who is in hiding in the United

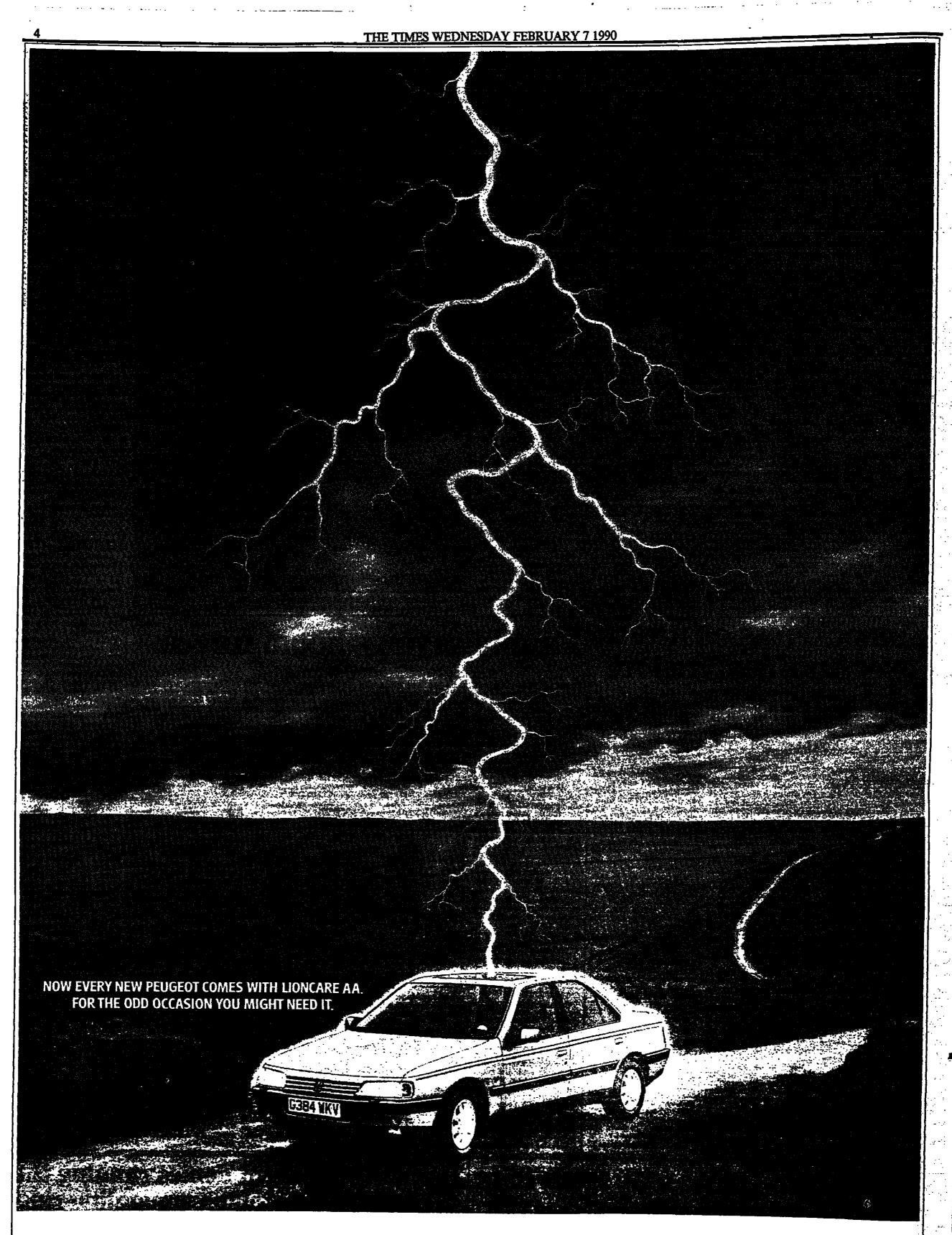
when Marks comes to trial later this year.

Marks said he went into the smuggling business for money and because he was "a fanatic proponent of the legalization of marijuana". He said he had made up to £25,000 from his activities in a good year but, normally, about £10,000. He denied he had been

involved in smuggling in the 1980s and claimed he was a victim of the hysteria in the anti-drugs war in the US.

"I know in myself I've done nothing wrong. I try to cope with it by reading, by helping other people, by trying to make my life as useful as smuggling in the 1970s and make my life as useful as denied US police claims that possible. The worst part is separation from my family and the suffering that it is causing my children, my wife

and parents." Marks's wife Judith is back in Majorca with their three children after being expelled from the US. She pleaded guilty to her part in importing hashish but did not have to



You'd probably agree that the chances of being struck by lightning are pretty slim. Nevertheless, Peugeot would like to think their drivers were prepared for even this occasional hiccup.

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The number of people en-

gaged in agriculture in Britain

is now 573,000, 2.2 per cent of

the total workforce, compared

with about 660,000 at the start

Mr Gummer attributed this

in part, to competition for

labour from other sectors of

industry. "If you go back to 1900, it is interesting to see

that there has been little

change in the number of

farmers since then. What has

of the decade.

Farm incomes rise Over year but still lag 40% below 1984

Farm incomes showed a modbelow what they were six years ago, the Government dis-closed yesterday in its annual report on the state of the

The report, released by Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, also disclosed that the number of people employed in farming fell by 14,000, or 2.4 per cent, in 1989, the sharpest drop in the past decade. Most of the decline was caused by get as a result of the fall in the

the shedding of hired labour. "In general, these figures show there has been an improvement in income, but it is a very broad spread and the pressures on particular parts of the industry have been very much greater," Mr Gummer said.

"The squeeze on farm in-comes has been a significant one and the measures that have been taken by the European Community to get rid of the (surplus) lakes and mountains have had an effect on farmers, and indeed had to have an effect if they were to achieve their aim."

dent of the National Farmers' states to accept even the oneest rise last year, but in real

Union (NFU), said agrithird devaluation of the green
terms are still 40 per cent
below what they was a part of pean Commission as part of this year's farm price negotia-"still close to its lowest level in the post-war period". He re-peated calls for a full devaluations in Brussels. tion of the green pound, the The Government's report shows that total income from

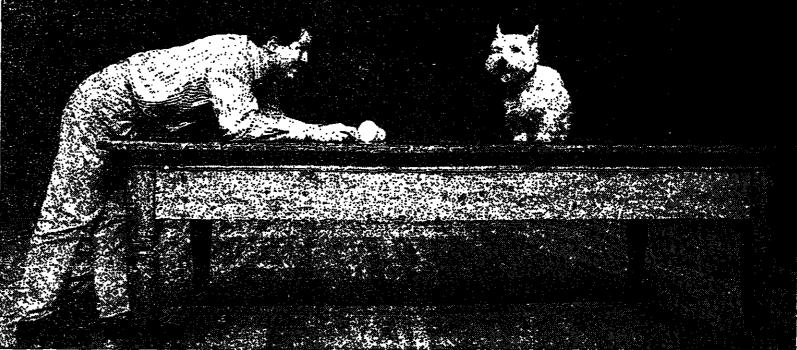
special exchange rate used in EC agricultural trade. The over-valued green rate acts as a tax on Britain's food million in 1989, an increase of 11 per cent on the previous exports to the rest of the EC year. But, after allowing for inflation, the real increase was while subsidizing imports. It also cancels out the increase in EC support prices which Britcent real decline in 1988. Interest payments on farmers' ish farmers would otherwise debts came to £949 million, 43 market rate for the pound. per cent of income.

Sir Simon said: "The Government's figures reinforce our campaign for British farmers to be placed on equal trading terms with our EC

The NFU concedes that a full devaluation of the green pound would push up food prices by about 1 per cent, but says this must be set against the estimated £700 million which the inflated green rate will cost farmers in lost revenue over a full year.

Mr Gummer held out little tion and technological hope of relief. He said he changes have greatly reduced might have difficulty in the need for hired labour," he Sir Simon Gourlay, presi- persuading other member said.

A Royal Shakespeare debut for Jodie



Jodie, a 19-month-old Bichon Frise, being anditioned at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, by Mr Robert Jones, assistant director of the musical Show Boat. She will make her stage debut this weekend in the company's production, taking the briefest of walk-on parts in the final act.

Ministers are willing to support the setting up by local authorities of public registers of poisoned land sites. In their response to the report on contaminated land by the Commons environment select committee they will concede the need to build up a nationwide profile of pollution black spots.

Although the Government's official reply will not be disclosed for a couple of months, The Times has been told that it will support the all-party

would be open for inspection to the public as part of the Government's policy to extend access to information about the environment.

Mr David Trippier, Minister of State for the Environment, is holding talks with the Association of District Councils to make sure such a register does not cast a blight over an area by focusing attention on the hazards. He is concerned that designating as contaminated old factory sites in, for

discourage economic investment in spite of grants. • Wild birds were illegally poisoned on Lord Mansfield's Scone estate and the Strathmore estate of Lord Glamis, it was disclosed by Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, minister responsible for the environment at the Scottish Office, in a parliamentary answer yesterday .

He listed 10 properties in Tayside where poisoning incidents occurred in the past three years.

Company cars

Major faces tough fight with industry over higher taxes

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

Tax charges on company cars admitted to travelling fewer have increased 1,000 per cent than 8,000 miles. in less than 10 years, fuelling an aggressive campaign to prevent further rises in Mr John Major's Budget next

The Chancellor of the Exchequer faces a concerted campaign from the motor industry over the heavy burden levied on some company

A survey published yes-terday shows that tax scale charges on a new company car under 1600cc have increased from just £250 in 1981 to £2,450 last year.

Companies fear an explosion of wase claims from disgruntled employees who their own cars than use company fleets.

Pay claims from many of Britain's three million company car drivers would put severe pressure on inflation. The authoritative Monks

Guide to Company Car Policy said that an average employee would expect £4,300 a year to run a car equivalent to a 1600cc fleet model over 20,000 miles annually.

The guide says that high mileage company car users can be penalized much more heavily than those "perk" users who drive their company transport mainly for private motoring. Drivers who travel as many as 10,000 miles annually might be better off running their own car on a mileage allowance.

Mr Tony Vernon-Harcourt, one of the report's authors, said: The present tax system penalizes the high business mileage user unfairly, but is still generous to the car user with high private and low business mileage.

"The Government needs to rethink its policy and relate the level of taxation more closely to business mileage."

The Monks survey of almost 200 firms disclosed that 72 per cent of drivers travel 10,000 business miles or more annually, although 13 per cent target of tax campaign. annually, although 13 per cent

The tax warning from Monks was followed up by Sewells Car Digest, the information sheet for the motor industry, which says that British manufacturers will suffer worst from any further increases in scale charges. • Jaguar is losing popularity with company chairmen to Mercedes and BMW, accord-

ing to Monks Guide. Although Jaguar is still the most popular with top directors, the report shows a drop of 8 per cent in chairmen who were Jaguar buyers in 1989. Mercedes and BMW went up in popularity by 6 and 4 per cent respectively.

Among other directors, Jaguar choosers went down by 5 per cent, with Mercedes up 3 per cent and BMW 1 per cent.

In the senior manager category, Ford dropped 10 per cent, while BMW rose 6 per cent and Rover and Vanxhall each dropped I per cent.

The most popular models last year (1988 figures in brackets): Chairmen - Jaguar, brackets): Chairmen — Jaguar, 37 per cent (45); Rolls-Royce, 3 per cent (7); Mercedes 14 per cent (8); BMW 8 per cent (4). Directors — Jaguar, 17 per cent (22); Rover 14 (15); Ford 28 (27); Mercedes 10 (7); BMW 8 (7). Sales representatives — Ford 46 per cent (47); Vauxhall 29 (28); Rover 13 (14).



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Footballer's libel win

Viv Anderson, the Manchester United and former England foot-

Viv Anderson, the Manchester United and former England footballer, won substantial libel damages in the High Court yesterday over allegations published in the Sunday Mirror of a fight over a woman with John Fashanu, the Wimbledon striker.

Mr Anderson was alleged in the article to have assaulted Mr Fashanu in the players' tunnel at Wimbledon Football Club after a match. Mr Thomas Shields, for Mr Anderson, told Mr Justice Michael Davies thatthe article "gave the clear impression that Mr Anderson had nursed a grudge against Mr Fashanu for many years". However, there was no grudge.

Mirror Group Newspapers accepted the allegations were "wholly without foundation". It apologized unreservedly and agreed to pay undisclosed damages and all costs.

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Halifax trial

vesterday, accused of illegally holding information under the 1984 Data Protection Act. Rambler death The Northumberland police appealed for help in identify-ing the body of a rambler found in Wark Forest last

been there for up to a year. Lamp jobs cut

St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Friday. The body may have

Fair rent order The Halifax Building Society was committed for trial by Calder, Cumbria, magistrates flat at Hendon, north-west ged 10 times the fair rent for a flat at Headon, north-west London, was ordered to repay £3,069 by the Court of Appeal.

Body found A woman has filed a complaint against the Cleveland police after the body of her daughter,

who west missing in November, was found behind a bath panel at Billingham-on-Tees. Name change

The Harlow Car Gardens at Harrogate, North Yorkshire, VCH, the lump manufacturer, announced 95 redundancies Carr Botanical Gardens beyesterday at its factory at Bury cause visitors thought it was a

Making the punishment fit the crime

weeping proposals to re-duce the number of nonviolent offenders sent to jail and to ensure that prisoners serve a greater part of their sentences in custody were unveiled in a government White Paper yesterday. It promises the creation of a comprehensive sentencing framework for

The White Paper, seen by ers and critics as the boldest criminal justice initiative for a generation, proposes the creation of a sentencing "culture"; more offenders would be punished in the community and only murder-ers, sex offenders and drugs

traffickers would be sent to prison. However, under the "twintrack" policy devised by the Home Office, offenders convicted of the most serious offences can expect stiffer punishment and, along with short-sentence criminals, closer

be empowered to impose unusually long prison terms on persistent violent offenders.

The prize underlying the strategy, the paper suggests, is the creation of a more just and effective sentencing structure. Ministers believe that the huge problem of criminals reoffending is, in part, encouraged by inappropriate custody. About 45 per cent of all people jailed are reconvicted within two years of gaining their freedom. The rate rises to 80 per cent for some young offenders.

Ministers also hope the moves will cut the jail population, which at more than 47,000, is one of the largest in absolute and proportionate terms in Western Europe. However, the White Paper, whose proposed shake-up of early release rules for inmates would tend to increase the population, makes no

The proposals also build on the

sharply between violent and non-violent offenders by cut-

ting some maximum penalties

for property crimes and giving

sentencers new powers over

Courts could, however, dis-

regard the sentencing guide-

lines and impose longer prison

terms for violent or sexual

"An assault causing actual

bodily harm might be serious

enough to justify a sentence of

12 months, but the crown court could give a longer

sentence, up to five years, if it

considered this necessary to protect the public from the

risk of serious harm from the

As part of the policy the

maximum penalty for

Government would reduce

theft from 10 to seven years

and cut the maximum sen-

tence for non-domestic bur-

A big reduction is planned in the use of suspended sen-

tences which ministers believe

are often too soft and may

undermine the credibility of

would be abolished and courts

would be urged to use fully suspended ones only for

offenders aged over 21 con-

"Many offenders see a sus-

pended sentence as being 'let

off', since it places no restric-

tions other than the obligation

not to offend again," the paper

says. Suspended sentences

would, in future, be combined

CHILDREN

It will also make parents

criminal offences.

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victed of serious offences.

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glaries from 14 to 10 years.

The White Paper explains:

mitment to increasing parental responsibility - the focus being on parents of delinquent children.

Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, hopes to introduce the package in a "flag-ship" government Bill this autumn or early next spring.

The White Paper rejects mandatory sentencing rules as inimical to the constitutional principle of judicial independence. It also dismisses the idea of a sentencing council, comprising lay and ju-dicial members, which has the support of the Labour Party, penal reformers and a growing cross-section of legal opinion.

Instead, the paper says Parliament should set sentencing guidelines which would force judges and magistrates to be more wary of imposing custody when dealing with all but the most WHITE PAPER

Reports by Quentin Cowdry

punishments directly to the severity of offences.

The White Paper says: "The

aim of the Government's proposals is better justice through a more consistent approach to sentencing, so that convicted criminals get their 'just desserts'. "The legislation will be in eneral terms. It is not the Government's intention that Parliament should bind the courts with strict legislative guidelines....The courts will properly continue to have the wide dis-

cretion they need if they are to

deal justly with the great variety of

The Government says the first

crimes which come before them.

objective of all sentences should be denunciation of and retribution for the crime. Depending on the offence and the offender, the sentence may also aim to achieve reparation, public protection and reform of the offender. Deterrence, a principle with great immediate appeal", is a less certain component as, the paper

says, much crime is committed on

impulse by people who "live from

moment to moment". Sending criminals to prison fails to satisfy these aims in the vast majority of cases. Whatever efforts have been made to improve regimes in Britain's overcrowded jails, the paper says, prison remains a specious "society" where people are isolated from normal routines and duties and where the opportunity to learn from other criminals is

It concludes: "The prospects of reforming offenders are usually

much better if they stay in the community, provided the public is properly protected."

The White Paper also envisages radical changes in rules governing the early release of prisoners. Many of those sentenced for over a year would spend longer in prison than they do now, with no convicts being allowed out before they have served half their sentence. All prisoners jailed for a year or more would be subject to compulsory supervision by probation officers and offenders risk incurring longer sentences if they commit new indictable offences before the expiry of the original

Pointing out that burglaries and thefts account for well over 70 per cent of recorded crime, and violent crimes represent less than 6 per cent, the Government says the courts should make far greater use of non-custodial sentences. To encourage courts to do so

community punishments such as probation and community service would be made tougher, and courts would be empowered to draw up, with the probation service, "cocktails" of orders tailored to suit the needs of individual offenders. Probation would become a sentence rather than an order, enabling courts to combine compulsory supervision of offenders with fines.

Courts would also be given the power to impose curiews on offenders, either as a sentence in its own right or as part of a package of non-custodial

These might be enforced by depending on the outcome of trials now being conducted at two

Taking pressure off the prisons

Under the new sentencing regime, judges and mag-istrates would have to examine rigorously their motives for jailing criminals for all but the most serious offences, although they would be able to impose exceptionally severe prison terms on persistent violent and sexual offenders.

In one of the White Paper's most crucial proposals, the Government intends to extend statutory guidelines for sentencing young offenders to cover all offences triable summarily in magistrates' or crown courts. These make up

the vast bulk of court hearings. Before imposing a prison sentence, a court would have to be satisfied that the offence was either so serious that only custody was justified or that the offender had to be locked away to protect the public from serious harm. The reasons would have to be explained to the offender in open

The White Paper suggests sentencers should ask themselves a series of questions when considering how to punish offenders. These include: How serious is the offence? Will financial penalties be adequate? If not, how much restraint on liberty is needed to punish the crime? Is community service, probation or another penalty most suitable for this offender?

If the legislation is ministers hope the Judicial Studies Board will arrange training courses on the new policy for judges and mag-istrates. It also hopes the Court of Appeal will assist by giving guidance in test cases.

A new type of social inquiry report by probation officers would reinforce the drive to reduce the use of custody for all but the worst criminal

These reports would include detailed information about alternative punishments. background information on the offender, and a suggested programme of non-custodial

Parental

role to

the fore

Parental responsibility and

discipline are the keynotes of

the White Paper's attitude to

In particular, the power of

courts to impose curfews on

young offenders is to be

increased so that parents will

know where their teenage

It argues that young people

who are free to come and go as

they please at all hours are

exposed to greater tempta-

White Paper states

reinforce parental respon- the parents.

begins in the home." To services to advise and guide

getting into trouble.

children go in the evenings.

Arrested: The Government's new White Paper should provide the courts with a more precise framework to punish offenders.

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scheme introduced in 1968,

Parole, the selective release

conviction.

A vastly reduced parole sys-tem and the automatic release ders imprisoned for less than four years after they have served half their sentences are proposed in the White Paper's section on early

with compensation or fines to Proposing the biggest The White Paper conchanges to the rules since fidently asserts: "The new legiparole was introduced in 1968, the White Paper says present arrangements undermine the slative provisions, the maximum penalties for each credibility of sentences and do offence, the guidance from the Court of Appeal and the Attornot contribute enough to curb ney General's new power to

the problem of reoffending.
At present, many prisoners are released after serving a for very serious offenders to the Court of Appeal, should all third of their sentence, while, contribute to the development because of remission, even The Government wants to of coherent sentencing those refused parole are remake courts distinguish more practice." leased — subject to days lost through bad behaviour — after

serving two-thirds of their Even worse, the Govern-ment says, those gaining resibility the Government proposes legislation to force mission are released un-conditionally. Unlike lifers, parents to attend court when their children are charged with there is no compulsory supervision on release and no extra liability for those who reeffend liable for fines imposed upon shortly after gaining their

their children and the fines on In addition, the system crejuveniles will reflect their stes unacceptable anomalies for short-sentence offenders, To make sure that teenagers many of whom may be rein local authority care are kept leased on or about the same on a tighter rein, councils are day in spite of receiving differto be made responsible in the

jog prison terms.

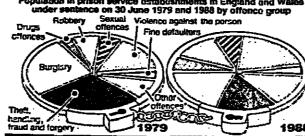
The proposals, based on recommendations by Lord The White Paper says: "When effective family con-Carlisle of Bucklow in a trol is lacking, children are more likely to grow up withstudy on parole in 1988, aim to remove the anomalies, which out self-discipline and a sense of concern for others. They are have angered sentencers as tions and are at greater risk of more likely to commit much as prisoners, and to crimes." When a child has run toughen the effect of sentout of control of its parents the explicitly: "Crime prevention courts will request the social

Most prisoners will spend a greater proportion of their sentence "inside", will be subject to longer supervision on release and will be at risk of will be restricted to prisoners sentenced to more than four recall to jail and stiff punishyears, though eligibility will come after they have served

> third, as at present. The rule introduced in 1983, that parole should be barred in all but exceptional cases to criminals sentenced to more than five years for offences involving violence, arson, sex

half their terms rather than a

Proposed release system for short term prisoner: If convicted of further imprison-Supervision or Sanction against term to be subject to recall for breach or rec!lending Parole or prison On licence unde oollenging subject to recall subject to recall Prison



More time spent inside, and more supervision on release: increasingly prisoners are convicted of violence or sex crimes.

the 'soft option'

sanctions more flexibly and to devise "cocktails" of tailormade punishments for offenders are included in the White Paper's section on punishment in the community.

The main option for adults would be a probation order; a centre; community service of between 40 and 240 hours; and a combined order linking community service and propossibly enforced by elec-

burglars. Under the new "combina tion order" offenders would perform community work while under the supervision of a probation officer and subject to any extra requirements.

enable the courts to introduce people who flout laws that an element of reparation but, at the same time, to provide the probation service with an mum penalty will be £20,000 opportunity to work with plus imprisonment.

electronic monitoring or tagging, magistrates' courts to test the viability of the technology. Crime, Justice, and Protecting the Public (Cound 965, HMSO; £6.20).

Toughening up

Proposals for courts to be empowered to use non-custodial

community penalties - sen- sentenced for burglary, theft, tences still seen as soft options fraud, forgery and handling by some magistrates and stolen goods, have three or judges - within the overall policy of establishing a more sensitively graduated and applied sentencing regime. There tially increase use of fines, a would be a wide range of alternatives, which could be used with considerable flexibility and linked with financial penalties, particularly compensation to the victim.

probation order with "strings" is the foundation of "day fine" such as attendance at a day systems in West Germany and bation. In addition, there that he should lose a specified would be a new curfew order - number of days' income. tronic monitoring or tagging - start of experiments with this which could be used by itself system in Britain, soon came

or with other orders. "Sentencers would be able to select the precise form of increased use of fines and less punishment in the commu- difficulty enforcing them. Paper says.

However, in establishing the precise punishment courts would be obliged to pay careful consideration to the nature of the offence and the offen-

der's background. Fines would be used in isolation for the least harmful offenders, while community service, which is generally more restrictive and expensive than other non-custodial sentences, would be used for more serious criminals such as recidivist thieves and

PUNISHMENT

offenders, to reduce the likelihood of further offending." The order is seen as particularly suitable for some persistent property offenders. About The idea is to toughen 10,000 of those in custody and more previous convictions.

The Government believes courts would also substanpenalty whose use has declined in recent years, if the related.

The principle that different financial penalties can provide the same punishment for offenders of different means, Sweden. At its simplest the theory is that the court has details of the offender's daily income, and his punishment is

Magistrates, sceptical at the to take a positive view. Setting fairer fine levels should lead to

ants to provide courts with information about their means. The magistrates' courts.

which are responsible for enforcing the collection of fines, have been asked to review their methods. In particular, since it regards the attachment of earnings as a valuable method of enforcing fines it is considering legislation to extend it to the attachment of state benefits. More offenders with substantial means are coming

before the courts. In cases where a company ignores poliution controls or safety precautions the courts should have the power to fine according to the offender's means. the paper adds.

The normal maximum fine of £2,000 available to mag-The paper says: "It would istrates' courts is too low for protect the public. In forth-coming legislation the maxi-

GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVES

The White Paper's main proposals are: the creation of a coherent legislative sentencing

framework which discourages the use of prison for all but the most serious offences and encourages sentencers to match punishment more closely to crime; a reduction in the maximum penalties for theft and

some burglaries:

the introduction of means-related "unit" fines: • that all prisoners serve at least half their sentence in custody, with automatic release at the mid-sentence point for those imprisoned up to four years:

that all prisoners serving sentences of more than one year are supervised after release;

 the creation of new community punishments; wider powers for courts to make parents take more control of delinquent children; and

• juvenile courts to become youth courts, with maximum age limit of offenders raised from 17 to 18.

Policy might backfire 'if courts fail to impose new penalties' They estimated that the ation said that the Governwould need to be "a good deal if these alternatives to custody

REACTION TO THE PROPOSALS

By Frances Gibb

Legal Affairs Correspondent

the league table of people sent to prison must be welcome. 9

Y trong fears were They estimated that the voiced last night that effect of the parole and repolicy might backfire if sentencers failed to impose the new communitybased penalties. The White Paper nonetheless won wideranging support from groups throughout the criminal justice system who backed the shift away from custodial

However, reform groups ranging from the Prison Reform Trust to the partly government-funded National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said yet more radical steps were needed to reduce the courts' use of custody.

the Government's mission changes would increase the population in Britain's jails, already severely overcrowded, by some 4,000. Sentencers would have to react with enormous enthusiasm to "punishment in the community" for the policy not to backfire.

"The proposed statutory criteria for prison sentences are a useful advance. But they should be reinforced by a sentencing council which would issue detailed guidance designed to scale down the use of prison," Miss Vivien Sterp, association's director,

The Criminal Bar Associ-

ment must provide adequate resources if the judiciary was to be persuaded to use alternatives to custody. Mr Nicholas Purnell, QC, its chairman, said that the

ophy was to be welcomed. However, Mr Purnell, who himself sits as a Crown Court recorder, said that there was no way the courts would treat alternatives to custody with

Government's overall philos-

that they are a really effective Dunishment" Central to the successful working of the plans was some mechanism, such es a sentenc-

genuicely not soft options;

istrates could be given the information about the local alternatives to custody. Mr Stephen Ridley, sec-

retary of the Law Society's criminal law committee, also

of judicial education However, the Law Society did not approve of proposals

or drugs trafficking, will be

scrapped. Ministers say it is

illogical and dangerous that

some of the worst criminals

should eventually be freed

with no obligation to receive

Criminals imprisoned for

four years or less will be

released automatically after

serving half their terms, but

those who misbehave while in

jail may be detained a little

In one of the biggest

changes, all prisoners, except

adults jailed for under a year,

will be subject to mandatory

supervision on release by

probation officers. Super-

whether immates are paroled

or freed under the automatic release scheme for short-sen-

in addition, a released pris-

oner convicted of a new indict-

able offence before the end of

his original seutence could be

ordered by the court to serve

part or all of the unexpired

portion of the sentence in

addition to any further cus-

The changes would also entail the winding up of the

120 or so local review commit-

tees which comprise the lower

tier of the parole decision-

Decisions on immates serv-

ing more than four years would

be made by the existing second

tier, the Parole Board, which would handle some 4,500

The White Paper, however,

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for electronic tagging of offenders. "These have not in our view been shown to have worked for remand prisoners and we do not think they will work if extended to convicted prisoners," Mr Ridley said. He also expressed concern about the role of the probation

service under the White Paper seriousness unless they could ing commission, by which broadly endorsed the pro-be satisfied "that these are judges, recorders and mag-posals, although he said there tion and goodwill is essential Any measures which will result in moving us from the top of

are to work." Mr Stephen Shaw, director

of the Prison Reform Trust. said experience had shown that persuasion did not work when it came to getting judges and magistrates to reduce their use of custody. The National Association of

Probation Officers denounced the package as "flawed and contradictory". Mr Harry Fletcher, the association's assistant general secretary, said: "The Government is inspired by its belief in the need to appeal to the public's wish for retribution and revenge, rather than the reform and rehabilitation of offenders"...

level best" to make the proposals for more non-custodial penalties work, Mr John Hosking chamman of the Magistrates' Association, said. "We are substantially in fayour of the whole tenor of

The Justices' Clerks' Society also welcomed the "aims and objectives of the proposals.

Mr Michael Guy, of the society's criminal law committee, said he hoped there would be adequte funding from the Government for the probation service to give courts confidence in using the alternatives at their disposal"

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Reformists and conservatives fight their corners at Central Committee meeting

Pravda reveals depth of anti-Gorbachov feeling

Full reports in Pravda yesterday of the first submissions from the floor at the crisis Central Committee meeting of the Soviet Communist Party here have underscored the depth of division within the leadership and the bitter criticism of President Gorbachov from both the reformist and

Among the most outspoken delegates was Mr Vladimir Brovikov, the Soviet Ambas-sador to Poland, who called for President Gorbachov's resignation over policies that be said had brought the Soviet

petently, without far-sightabout the mood of the mothermore personal, ambitions."

Mr Gorbachov's suggestion that the post of State President should become more wideranging and powerful received a mixed response from the

The only speaker to endorse his idea of a post with sufficient powers to push through controversial reforms, if necessary in the face of opposition from the party establishment, was the chairman of Union to the brink of chaos.

The envoy declared: "Our cation, Mr G. Yagodin. He in the party policy platform to reconcile the two, with tragedy is that we cannot emphasized that a collective introduced by Mr Gorbachov concessions first to one side andon a single man's power leadership was fine so long as on Monday were charges lev- and then to the other". Like

A president, he said, should edness and caring not so much be someone who would take upon himself responsibility land but about other, maybe for the future of the country and for its present. "Of course, he ought to be elected by universal, direct and secret ballot, but probably that time has not yet come.

Until a new constitution President could be elected by the Congress of People's Deputies, but a new constitution should stipulate the term of office a President should serve and mechanisms for monitoring his work.

For the reformists, Mr Boris Yeltsin said he had gained the impression that the platform had been written by one left hand and one right, and there had been a "constant attempt

chov's talk of a possible multi-party system in the Soviet Union went unreported by China's state-controlled media yesterday, but it caused a stir among Chinese who heard the news on foreign radio stations like the Voice of America, the BBC and even Radio Moscow.

slogans as a substitute for file members were leaving the

After blaming the com-mittee for reducing tens of millions of people to destitu-tion, he outlined a 10-point programme, including the abolition of the party's sacred principle of democratic centralism; provision for dissent within the party; the abolition of the party apparatus — the bureaucracy through which it rules; the dropping of Article 6 party faction established last rules; the dropping of Article 6 of the Constitution, guaranteeing the party's monopoly on power; and - possibly his most radical proposal - the subordination of the party leadership to the elected Congress of People's Deputies.

A regional party secretary

party, sensing that it had no future. In the past few months, ger of an open split within the the Leningrad party had received no applications for

The party's last hope, he argued, was to come out clearly in favour of a multiparty system, cancel Article 6, month - on democratizing the party.

He warned of an imminent split in the party, he noted such recommendations had Communists is heard?" He The rise of unofficial and warned of the imminent dan-

Mr Yuri Prokofyev, the Moscow city first secretary, who is regarded as a reformist, said that a multi-party system was effectively in existence, and queried confusing "halfmeasures" in the policy platform. "What does a slogan like 'for an effective planned-market economy' mean?"

Some of the most passionate contributions came from the other side of the argument, however. Mr Valentin Mesyats, first secretary been made before, and of the Moscow region, said pleaded: "Mikhail Sergeye-vich (Gorbachov), do we cessions made by the leader-

in state and the party. We run it did not result in a collective elled by both wings of the many speakers, he comfrom Leningrad. Mr Yuri really have to go into opposition weaken the party's position, things on impulse, incompared in the party hierarchy.

The rise of unofficial and popular front groups had been tolerated to the point where the party was in danger of relegation to the "political margin".

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Like several other conservatives, he condemned the proposal that the party should have to compete and negotia with other groups. It had a special history and place in Soviet society and could not like that. If it reduced itself to the level of other groups, it would be quite unable to restore its authority.

Mr Mesvats attacked those who "carried a party card in their pocket but made speeches against the party line".

Privatized break-out from Romantic revolutionaries Ceausescu's economic jail

yesterday took the first cau-tious step to break out of the posed by the Ceausescu affect mainly the service indictatorship with the publica- dustries. It may lead to the tion of a decree legalizing limited privatization of inlimited privatization of in-dustry for the first time in even they are going to face the more than 40 years.

Under the complex law signed by the interim President. Mr Ion Iliescu, a former leading member of the now defunct Communist Party, private firms employing a maximum of 20 salaried employees may now be estab-lished as well as "associations" or co-operatives comprising a maximum of 10 individuals or members of a single family.

The extreme caution of the measures reflects the divisions in the country about the extent to which private capital should be permitted to take over state enterprises, most of which suffer from gross mis-

The ruling National Salvation Front has secured overwhelming support from the working class because of its opposition to any widescale privatization or the creation of what is described by ofworkers fear that such moves would lead to big lay-offs.

Romania's grave economic to bring in Western capital.

problems said that the law, Among the leading figure although politically controversial, was not on a sufficient scale to rectify the clumsy moves made under Ceausescu to transform an essentially agricultural nation into one dominated by large-scale beavy industries.

eavy industries. would be rendered more ist structures for running a France before reaching today's One European economist profitable on the basis of centralized economy. Even which seems the right one."

Post-revolutionary Romania said: "As with the introduction of co-operatives in the Soviet Union under Gorbachov, this new law is likely to setting up of some restaurants, problem of securing supplies on a centrally controlled

> The argument over privatization has emerged as the issue which will dominate campaigning for the May 20



Mrs Doina Cornea: Seeking radical privatization.

general election. Many of the 29 opposition parties are ficials as a "boss class". The pushing for privatization on a the Front. Many mobbed the much wider scale, and the largest, the National Peasants Foreign experts aware of Party, is fighting to be allowed

Among the leading figures supporting privatization is Mrs Doina Cornea, the dissident who resigned from the Front because of its failure to abandon old style communist methods and personnel.

"Industry and agriculture

private property," she stated, talk of Soviet-style perestroika "and such reforms should be is limited. radical in nature."

Mrs Cornea, who was given prime time on Romanian television recently to develop rope's biggest sheep producer her views, supports the leasing after Britain), the workforce rather than closing down of the country's many unprofit- and its products are shoddy. able enterprises.

"I think they would be better leased on a contract basis over a definite period of five up to 10 years to foreign firms that want to invest capital and modernize them." A visit to any large Roma-nian factory reveals strong

opposition to any such moves from workers convinced that their jobs would be on the line. Mr Ion Neascu, a fitter at Bucharest's vast August 23 plant which makes trains, rolling stock and underground carriages, said: "We do not want bosses coming here from abroad and throwing us out of work. We have our families to

Workers from the plant, which was Ceausescu's favourite and thrived on a totally fictitious set of produc-tion figures now being ex-posed to the public, were prominent in last week's mass demonstrations in support of headquarters of the National

Although leaders of the Front are against what Mr Iliescu has dismissed scathing existing inefficient Stalin-

campaign to bring in foreign

Because the country was dominated until recently by agriculture (it was once Euhas no industrial traditions Many factories are running

severely below capacity because of a lack of raw materials and others have been hit by the post-revolutionary introduction of a five-day week as opposed to a seven-day one. The interim Government's short-term, emergency measures to divert supplies earmarked for export back on to the home market have begun to wear thin. At the weekend, queues of more than 300 people could be counted outside an ill-lit store in the centre of the capital jostling for unpalatable frozen fish.

Prior to yesterday's limited introduction of private enterprise, an earlier decree was published which stated that peasant farmers were to be allowed to sell produce on the free market and to own up to 11/2 acres of land each. Opposition parties had argued that those measures were far too limited to cope with the

The Front's watchword of article on the pros and cons of privatization published by the official Rompres news agency.

"Immediate and hasty solutions cannot be forced," it ingly as "global privatization", so far they have put forward little in the way of alternatives beyond maintainrepublics were tested in



A Romanian girl flirting happily with a soldier on guard in Bucharest's Revolution Square.

Malnutrition blamed for plight of Romania's

Eighteen-month-old Mircea Banisor, seriously underweight and with the mental age of seven months despite being of sound mind, is part of one of the most shocking legacies of the Ceausescu tyranny in the malnutrition unit of Bucharest's August 23 Hospital. Like over half the 80 children in

the unit, aged between three months and two years, Mircea was abandoned by his parents. They have not yet responded to postrevolutionary television advertisements urging parents to collect their children, and according to the nurses are never likely to do so. "He is retarded simply because

of lack of stimulation. Until you arrived, he has probably never seen a man because the staff here are all women. He has never been in the fresh air, which is why he is so pale. and he has nowhere to play," explained Dr Sanda Gancevici, the chief paediatrician. "His life is spent in his cot from morning to night as we have no other facilphans have received widespread publicity and have been the subject of a deluge of adoption inquiries, the plight of its abandoned, mainourished children is in many ways even more tragic, as for legal reasons they often cannot be easily

Malnutrition has been blamed as one of the main causes of the children's Aids epidemic now

Gas is one of our main problems because without it we cannot boil milk 9

viously covered up by Ceausescu as the virus was commonly spread by blood transfusions used by Romanian doctors to help underweight

"These malnourished children are not orphans as such; they are usually brought here by parents who cannot cope or are referred from other hospitals," Dr

they will go to a childrens' home. then a pre-school home from three to six, and then a further institu-tion from 10 until 18."

The doctor blamed Ceausescu's ban on abortions, as well as appalling economic conditions in a country bled dry to pay off foreign debts, as the cause of most of the cases in her care.

"This is not a problem that is going to disappear overnight because of the revolution, but in the future it should slowly improve," she said.

When Mircea first entered the hospital on January 17, 1989, he was graded as suffering from second-degree malnutrition and weighed only 9.9 lb. Today he weighs 18.7 lb instead of his desired weight of 23 lb and looks almost chubby in contrast to other. even less fortunate children in the

Since the revolution led to a reversal of Ceausescu's fanatical population policy, television advertisments have been urging Romanians to adopt the thousands

"After that, many people came to this hospital, but we had to turn them away," the doctor said. "We had to tell them: 'First find the parents and get their permission. We cannot do it because we do not have the staff "

Occasionally nurses break strict bureaucratic rules not yet revised since the demise of communism and illegally give would-be foster parents addresses of the parents of the malnourished children.

The undernousishment blamed chiefly on lack of essential foods, such as milk and rice, plus poor hygiene, lack of vitamins and recurring diseases caused by the lack of disposable syringes. It was not until December 28 when the first aid truck arrived from France that the hospital had seen disposable needles, but its stock is nearly exhausted already.

The extent of the problem was revealed by statistics compiled last year in the capital's third district, where the hospital is situated. These showed that of all the

Gancevici said. "At the age of two of orphans which his measures children up to one year old who died in 1989, 61.2 were suffering from malnutrition: 10.2 per cent had rickets; 30.6 per cent were anaemic and 26.5 per cent had congenital deformities.

"We do not have the comparative statistics, but we are certain that the malautrition here is worse than in most, if not all European cities," said the hospital's director,

6 Many people came to this hospital, but we had to turn them away 🕏

Dr Arghir Popescu. "Under Ceausescu, the problem, like most others connected with health, was

Until the revolution, gas pres-sure was so low that the hospital's kitchen staff regularly had to work through the night, the only time it was high enough to prepare food Even now, after the boost given by the provisional Government to gas

supplies, it is still occasionally too low for food to be properly prepared.

"Gas is one of our main problems because without it we cannot boil milk, which is vital as we have no powdered milk supplies. Also we are unable to wash the nappies in hot water," said Dr Gancevici, showing us a steaming, antiquated wash-house run by two elderly women.

As a result of the television appeals, 10 parents have so far come forward to collect their children from the hospital, now confident that economic conditions will improve enough to enable them to care for them. But despite the end of the ban on abortions, others continue to ar-

There are still hundreds, probably thousands, of malnourished children and others who have parents unwilling to cope with them, said Dr Popescu. "It may be years before this problem is solved and supplies of vital foods and medicine are adequate to eradicate malnutrition as a problem."

impractical from any agreement. The Russians had wanted all their 5.700 trainer planes excluded, arguing that American trainer

The proposal "is really structured in a way that should appeal to them and I am optimistic we should be able to close a deal," said one senior US official. However, he acknowledged that the question of whether bombers should be included in the limit on combat planes, and if so which ones, remained a stum-

• PARIS: M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, called on the US to forego a bloc-to-bloc approach to disarmament talks to account for the recent sweeping changes in Europe (AFP reports). A polarized approach to negotiations involving the two military alliances would be a total anachronism in view of a Europe free of its yoke, he

Referring to the apcoming "Open Skies" conference in Ottawa, to seek an agreement On reciprocal serial surveillance of nations, M Dumas said it was one of those

L'imisoara is still coming to terms with the cost of its liberty to 100 dead, certainly not the morgue at gunpoint, more than 150. Those were immediately From Philip Jacobson almost two months on an claimed which had been buridentified or claimed and now

Timisoara

Hundreds of small candles flutter day and night outside the imposing cathedral in Timisoara as the city continues to mourn its heroes. Fresh flowers and elaborate wreaths still appear on the spot where demonstrators were killed when troops fired into an unarmed crowd one week before Christmas.

As the banners now welcoming visitors to "the first free city of Romania" make clear, there is fierce local pride that this is where the uprising against the Ceausescu

Without the innocent blood shed here on December 17, people tell you over and again, who knows how things might have turned out?

emotive dispute about the true number of people who were shot down here in the cause of liberty still greatly impairs people in coming to terms with the extraordinary events they have just lived through.

According to Dr Milan Leonard Dressler, who supervised the official post-mortem examination on all victims of morgue in the city's biggest hospital, Timisoara has been suffering from a "collective psychosis".

While the vast majority of people now accept that early estimates of 4,000 dead were wildiy exaggerated, a wide-spread feeling persists that they still have not been told the whole truth.

Dr Dressler now believes night, Securitate men re-

Dr Dressler - who is also a

qualified lawyer - told how the corpses had started arriving at the hospital still bleeding from bullet wounds. Several young men in army uniform appeared to have been killed with single shots behind the car, lending credence to reports of summary the massacre taken to the execution of soldiers who refused to fire at demonstrators.

"We were working on our reports while the fighting was agents were patrolling the corridors, threatening us not to say a word about what had happened," Dr Dressler recalled.

Some time during that What bitter irony, then, that that the real figure was closer moved about 40 bodies from

taken to Bucharest and incinerated, but Dr Dressler and his staff concealed the relevant post-mortem examination dossiers and these are expected to provide vital evidence at the forthcoming trial of former government officials and Securitate agents accused of direct involvement in the

Timisoara killings. From testimony heard at the recent trial of four senior associates of Ceausescu, it is clear the regime was desperate still going on and Securitate to cover up the extent of the bloodshed in Timisoara. "Looking back, this incident was responsible for the rather terrible event that followed at the Paupers' Cemetery," said her. Dr Dressler.

ing frantically for mass graves. At the Paupers' Cemetery, Dr Dressier recalled, "they were scrambling at the earth with bare hands, and eventually they found some bodies".

Choosing his words with care, he observed that not one of those laid out for inspection at the graveyard had carried any trace of bullet wounds. though several had been opened up for autopsy; that many were so decomposed it was obvious they had been interred much earlier; and that this discovery convinced the tiny body of a baby which people there must be others, provided the most shocking and naturally those still missimage, lying on the stomach of ing a friend or relative could "mother", had actually died far more recently than unmarked ditch."

Dr Dressler concluded that Alarmed by reports that the the corpses were among those delivered to Dr Dressler's by knocking on the door of Securitate was getting rid of 60 unidentified or unmorgue have never been each and every home in town.

ied during the previous year. So could the gruesome dis-

play have been staged deliberately, by local leaders of the uprising perhaps, to discredit further the regime and influence foreign press coverage? "I cannot believe that." said Dr Dressler. "What happened, I think, was that in the tension and high emotion that followed the massacre, every body discovered automatically became of a victim of Ccausescu. The problem was not bare to think they might have been dumped in an

Although 10 of the bodies

lie in the Cemetery of Heroes, he considers that the final death toll in Timisoara is unlikely to rise much more. In mid-January he published his preliminary findings in the local newspaper."I think it helped many people to accept the situation, and since then there has been no more digging at the cemeteries," he

But the report also sparked off a rash of wall posters in the centre of Timisoara, accusing Dr Dressler of deliberately concealing the truth and making personal threats against him. While the police investigate this, a group of students set out to reach the final truth about the human cost of Timisoara's proud rebellion

offer to cut back planes

From Martin Fletcher

forward a compromise pro-posal on military aircraft limits in an attempt to surmount the biggest obstacle to an agreement on reducing con-ventional forces in Europe before the end of the year. The new proposal is close to

the Soviet position and was agreed by Nato allies in Brus-sels on Monday. Barring last-minute snags Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, will put the proposal to Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart, during their meetings in Moscow over the next three days. Nato will present it to Soviet officials at the Conventional Forces in Europe

talks in Vienna tomorrow. US officials hope that agreement in principle could be reached as early as next week, when Nato and Warsaw Pact foreign ministers are meeting at the "Open Skies" con-ference in Ottawa. "It should interest them (the Soviet Union) a lot," said one official. "It is a real sign that we take what they say fairly seriously and are interested in

Originally opposed to the inclusion of aircraft in the Conventional Forces in Europe talks, the US has slowly moved towards the Soviet position but has insisted that a treaty should cover all military aircraft and not just "strike" aircraft.

The new proposal envisages a 4,700 limit on Nato and Warsaw Pact combat aircraft, down from the 5,700 limit Nato had earlier proposed and the same as Mr Shevardnadze put forward when he met Mr Baker last September.

There would be a separate limit of 500 on Warsaw Pact fighters which Moscow insists have a purely defensive role, but Nato would be able to put an equivalent number of its own fighters into that category as well. Moscow wants to keep 1.000 such aircraft. Nato has argued that distinguishing be-tween planes with defensive and offensive roles is

At least 2,200 Soviet trainer planes with no offensive capability would be excluded planes were in the US and not covered by the Conventional Forces in Europe talks.

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initiatives that fell back on outdated patterns in relations.

Washington wanted the conference to be open to Nato and Warsaw Pact members only. But Mr Baker softened the US stand in talks with M Dumas at Shannon, in the irish Republic, saying neutral and non-aligned nations would get observer status.

CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

Hurd urges caution on road to one Germany

From Ian Murray, Sankt Augustin, West Germany

Since then, new ideas, notably that of Herr Genscher in suggesting a demilitarized

sidered in attempting to solve

the problem of keeping Ger-many in Nato while satisfying

Moscow's legitimate - if unrealistic - security concerns.

He accepted the need for a

"rigorous review" in Europe and Nato to establish which

policies needed to be kept and

which should change "to en-

sure that flexibility which will

be needed for our future

success". He listed five ele-ments of Nato as "necessary

Maintenance of its present

membership. German mem-

bership was "a crucial element

• The US strategic commit-

ment - in other words an

The presence of "signifi-cant" American, British and

Canadian forces stationed in

Europe - meaning a garrison

and conventional weapons -

necessarily requiring nuclear

All but the last of these are

being hotty debated in West

Germany, with the pressure for more disarmament becom-

self-determination).

missiles based in Germany;
• An integrated command.

American nuclear deterrent;

in the security of us all";

continuing attributes":

have been put forward". Mr Hurd hinted that this would be one option to be con-

Mr Donglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday gave full British backing to German reunification but urged caution.

Consequences for the alliance. Since then, new ideas, notably that of Herr Genscher in suggesting a demilitarized suggesting a demilitarized. He said that "it would not East Germany, as part of a be in the interests of the united Germany inside Nato, German people to achieve unification in circumstances which aroused anxieties or sent nerves jangling through-

out Europe' Mr Hurd insisted that Nato had to remain militarily strong and the European Community should wait at least three years before increasing its membership.

The Foreign Secretary, addressing the conservative Konrad Adenauer Foundation at this town near Bonn, offered "constructive friend-ship" on reunification, but also urged a mixture of "caution, enthusiasm and confidence in each other's commitment" to build a new Europe.

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Mr Hurd, who went on to meetings in Bonn with Hear Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, and his opposite number, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, agreed "we now need to be fertile with fresh thinking" but he in Germany; emphasized that there had to A "sensible" mix of nuclear be no abandonment of "those earlier policies which will remain important".

A continuing military structure for Nato was of paramount importance. The future was unsettled, even if "no longer massively threaten-ing". Because of this, "it would clearly be foolish to suppose that our defence and security problems have in some way been solved and that we no longer need to think seriously about them. All history warns us against such empty optimism".

As far as reunification was concerned, however, he said that until a few days ago, "none of us has yet begun to think with any rigour of the and conviction." Havel points way to a new course

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President Havel of Czechoslovakia, left, ing Mr James Baker, the United States Secretary of State, to Prague yesterday. Herr Hans Modrow, the East German Prime Minister, also arrived in

the Czechoslovak capital boosting Mr Havel's attempts to steer a new, indepen-dent course in his country's international relations (Peter Green writes). Meanwhile, Czechoslovak negotiators left for slovakia by the end of this year.

round of bilateral talks concern Prague's demands that the Soviet Union withdraw its 80,000 troops from Czecho-

Race to save East German economy

From Ian Murray, Boun

Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, moved yesterday to stave off the collapse of the East German economy and to regain the political initiative with a call for immediate talks on currency union and economic

ing a key issue in the December general election. Herr Kohl said he would On EC relations with the raise the matter, at his meeting next Tuesday and Wednesday emerging democracies in the East, he favoured individually Modrow, the East German tailored association deals. Prime Minister. He won applause when he

said: "It is inconceivable to us The Chancellor is trying to that, of all peoples in Europe, force the pace towards inonly the German people should be denied that right (of "That is our commitment

executive yesterday, when it was also agreed to create a supplementary budget of DM7 billion (£2.5 billion) to meet the extra cost of helping East Germany and to pay for the integration of ethnic Ger-

help German refugees.

Other money will help im-

man refugees. The budget, expected to be introduced next Wednesday, Bonn, with Herr Hans will set aside DM2.15 billion to subsidize the exchange rates for East Germans visiting the

troducing the Deutschmark as a common currency in both Germanies, despite strong reservations from the Bundesbank. He made the offer environment and promote

after a meeting of his Chris- small company investment. a scheme he has the final say. tian Democrat and Christian The Government thinks the There has been mounting Social Union (CDU/CSU) main way of helping the East German economy would be the quick replacement, by the Deutschmark, of the East German mark, which on the black market is exchanged at

But Herr Otto Pohl, the central bank's president, said coldly yesterday, after two and a half hours of talks with his East German opposite number, Herr Horst Kaminsky, that it was a "fantastic suggestion" to talk of a quick takeover by the Deutschmark. Another DM2 billion is to

It would, he said firmly, take some time to accomplish. prove transport links, the As the head of the institution which would have to run such

public criticism that the Bonn Government has failed to move quickly enough to help East Germany and to stem the flow of refugees, still pouring in at the rate of more than 2.000 a day.

In further moves, Herr Kohl presides over a Cabinet meeting today seeking to draw up a schedule for reunification in every sphere but defence, while West German political parties, brushing aside the East German plea not to participate in the March election campaign, are drawing up alliances with "brother" parties and preparing tours for

WORLD ROUNDUP

Aoun celebrates artillery success

West Beirut — General Michel Aoun's army yesterday celebrated the elimination of artillery positions in hills overlooking the town of Dbayeh five miles north of the capital, the general's most successful operation in his costly seven-day war against the Phalangist militia of Mr Samir Geagea (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes).

According to military sources, infantrymen backed by heavy artillery and tank fire stormed and destroyed seven militia garrisons and gun emplacements in the hills above Dbayeh which is on the coastal road linking Beirut with northern Lebanon and maritime lines used by the militias to ferry men and ammunition to its beleaguered garrisons in the capital. Mr Samir Geagea's forces were said last night to be trying to prevent tanks and other armour moving towards Jounieh and Byblos, two key Phalangist bastions.

Menem praises UK

Baenos Aires — President Menem of Argentina, in a meeting yesterday with Lord King of Wartnaby, chairman of British Airways, said he had "the highest respect" for Mrs Thatcher and her Government (David Brewerton writes). He is anxious to restore full diplomatic relations with Britain as soon as possible and said he is keen to encourage foreign investment in Argentina. The two countries may announce resumption of diplomatic relations next week when senior officials meet in Madrid.

Airline offer, page 23

Hunt for bus killers

Jerusalem - As six of the 10 Israeli victims of Sunday's terrorist attack on a tourist bus in Egypt were buried yesterday, Egyptian police said they were close to tracking down one of the gummen, a Palestinian travelling on a Jordanian passport (Richard Owen writes). Police are also hunting for a second Palestinian. The Palestinian driver of the attacked bus is being held. Police believe that the attack was mounted by Egyptian Muslim fundamentalists and Palestinian extremists opposed to the more moderate policies pursued by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Koran publisher sues

Paris - The Paris-based publisher of the controversial, cartoon version of the Koran said yesterday that he was preparing to sue Islamic religious authorities in the courts in Tunis (Alan Tillier writes). Mr Youssef Seddik, a Tunisian publisher, said that he planned a British edition in May whatever the outcome of his case in Tunis. His case there will be based on the separation of church and state. His book, If The Koran Had Been Told To Me, was theologically correct, he said, adding that he was an Islamic scholar and had gone to considerable pains to avoid offence.

Boat people meeting

Kuala Lumpur - Malaysia and Vietnam have begun talks to link the Vietnamese boat people to a bilateral trade and economic agreement (M.G.G. Pillai writes). Dato Ahmad Kamil Jaffar, the Malaysian foreign secretary, returned from the first round of meetings in Hanoi last week and said that they would be resumed in Kuala Lumpur within four weeks.

V hoax on Italians

Rome (Renter) - A television documentary that convinced millions the Italian republic was founded on a fraud, after a 1946 referendum on abolishing the monarchy "had been rigged", provoked a storm of criticism yesterday. At the end of the programme, Gianni Minoli, the host, said the hoax had been staged to show how TV could be manipulated.



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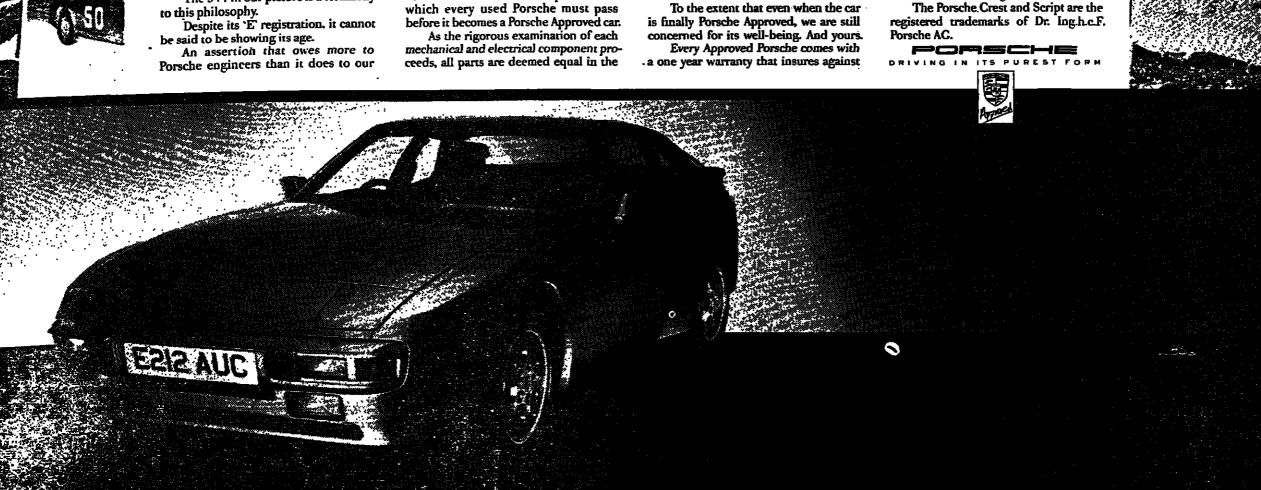
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Thousands of anti-Pakistan demonstrators marched through Indian Kashmir's capital of Jammu yesterday as cross-border tensions escalated. The Pakistan High Commission in Delhi was besieged by protesters.

Events of the past 48 hours have demonstrated how quickly the Kashmir crisis could run out of control, despite clear evidence that both Delhi and Islamabad are ing to contain it.

Both sides are under domestic pressure to adopt a tough stance. Mr Bashir Khan Babar, Pakistan's High Commissioner in Delhi, was sum-moned to the External Affairs Ministry yesterday to be told that a shooting incident on the border on Monday was the result of inflammatory actions and statements by Pakistani leaders.

The shooting happened when a large crowd — said by India to number 4,000 marched towards the border. Some people crossed over and Indian forces opened fire, killing one and injuring 13.

Reports from Jammu said that more than 10,000 college students marched through the city in protest at Pakistani "interference" in Kashmir. The Jammu region is predominantly Hindu; the Kashmir Valley is mostly Muslim.

India formally conveyed its grave concern and deep regret" over the shooting and the attempted border crossing. Foreign journalists are banned from Indian Kashmir but onthe-spot reports from Indian correspondents yesterday suggested that the crowd tried to cross at four border points.

Most were stopped by the Pakistani rangers, but some finally got through at a section serious challenge. for United Nations observers.

ther during campaigning next week for key elections to eight state assemblies, most of them in the northern Hindi-lan-



Indian forces using tear gas against Muslim protesters at Srinagar in Jamusu and Kashmir state on Friday. Foreign journalists are barred from the area.

Congress (I) party are braced for another crushing defeat,

the second in three months. The expected defeat is bound to heighten dissatisfaction with Mr Gandhi's leadership, although there is still a keen sense that without him the party would split. It is the value of Mr Gandhi's name,

More than 200 million Tensions over Kashmir people will be eligible to vote could be inflamed even fur- in the February 27 poll. Mr Gandhi's party traditionally dominated the Hindi belt until it was routed in last November's general election.

The campaign will be in-Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the for-mer Prime Minister, and his Kashmir, Punjab and a dangerous Muslim-Hindu disute over a religious site at Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. Both Kashmir and Ayodhya could inflame communal strife because of its broader Pakistan-versus-India dimension, and Ayodhya

because it is in the middle of a

volatile Hindu area where millions of Muslims also live.

To make matters worse, Hindu extremists have chosen February 14, when the elec-tion campaign will be in full swing, to begin construction of a temple at the site of a 16thcentury mosque in Ayodhya, The National Front Government is trying to persuade organizers to delay the plan.

The Punjab crisis is also inflaming cross-border ten-

Sind unrest threatens Bhutto

From Zahid Hussain, Karachi

faces a virtual collapse of law and order in her home prov-ince of Sind. Meanting ethnic tension and raging street gun battles between the rating Pakistan People's Party and the opposition Mohajir Quomi Movement (MQM) has led to curiews in seven leading cities in Sind and Karachi districts.

The Array was called in and heavily armed police were posted at state television and radio stations in Karacki on Monday, as the MQM, which

Miss Benazir Bhutto, the Hyderabad, the two main cit-pitched street gan battles over Pakistan Prime Minister, ies of Sind province, issued a the last week. ies of Sind province, issued a general strike call against what it says are growing

> Hundreds of MQM activists attacked police stations in Arambagh district of Karachi yesterday demanding the registration of murder cases nst the People's Party leader. At least 13 people were change of fire and troops were called in.

More than 10 people have been killed in Karachi in

Mr Aladaf Has main leader of the MQM, a militant organization of the Mokajir nationalists, has called President Ishaq Khan to dismiss the People's Party Government and declare eme gency and presidential rule in Sind province. Mr Hussain accessed the People's Party of faming ethnic conflict in the province to perpetnate its rule. Miss Bhutto has sent Mr

Aitzaz Ahson, her Home Min-ister, to Karachi to handle the

Bush's choice of black judge puts liberals to test

lawyer as a judge of the Court of Appeals in Washington second in importance only to the US Supreme Court - was set yesterday to test the racial views of the country's liberals.

Mr Clarence Thomas, aged 41, is Mr Bush's first black nominee to the federal beach and nobody disputes that the Yale-educated lawyer is highly qualified.

The position he will fill was last held by Judge Robert Bork, who was rejected as a President Reagan nominee to the Supreme Court.

Mr Thomas, who grew up poor in the South before the civil rights crusade of Martin Luther King, is a conservative. Liberals seem to disapprove of him for one of the main reasons that Republicans describe him as a rising star. He is a critic of affirmative action, the quota sys-tem for employing racial

He is regarded as a potential successor to the Supreme Court's only black judge, Jus-tice Thurgood Marshall, if the Democrat-controlled Senate judiciary committee, which started confirmation proceedings yesterday, approves his current nomination.

His approach to discrimina tion contrasts sharply with that of Justice Marshall, who has championed the view that blacks should be compensated with job and education opportunities for decades of in Missouri. oppression.

Mr Thomas resents what he calls "racism of sympathy" and has voiced frustration at the way affirmative action has degenerated, with the support of left-wing groups, into a system of quotas that also demeans minorities.

Yet Mr Thomas also fought the White House for failing to produce a "positive civil rights agenda" and, as Presi-

The nomination by President dent Reagan's chairman of the Bush of a black, conservative Equal Employment Opports. nity Commission in 1982 ha reformed policies for settling discrimination complaints

Conservatives have been angered that the Senate ju-diciary committee, which is chaired by Senator Joseph Biden, a Democrat from Delaware, has been hunting for evidence that Mr Thomas discriminated against Hispan ics while he chaired the

"Clarence Thomas has felt the last of injustice," said Mr William Robinson, the Dean of the District of Columbia School of Law, in a letter to the Legal Times. "He's old enough to have experienced the pre-1964 aparthed system in this country." Mr Thomas, a man of steely

independence, grew up in Georgia when restaurant and bus scating were segregated. His father abandoned him when he was small and he was brought up by his grandfati from the age of seven. As the first black enrolled at an exclusive boarding school in Savannah, he received a good education but suffered per-sonal indignities. At night classmates told him to smile "so we can see you". One of his peers wrote in a yearbook: "Keep on trying, Clarence. One day you will be as good as us." Later, he read Malcoim X, toyed with black nationalism and eventually held posts as Assistant Attorney General

"His life is his own best testimony," the Wall Street Journal wrote in an editorial. But civil rights groups are divided. Fourteen liberal members of Congress have opposed his nomination to the Court of Appeals. The nom-

ination has drawn so much attention in Washington that leaders of prominent civil

Mafia trial

Dapper Don bets on beating rap

From Charles Brenner, New York

A New York jury yesterday Bergen Fish and Hunt Club started to consider the fate of where Mr Gotti does business. Mr John Gotti, the last survives was so murky that it was open ing "Godfather" of the Amerito varied interpretation. can Mafia, after a circus-like trial that appeared only to have boosted the defendant's belief in his invincibility and standing as a media celebrity.

"No problem," Mr Gotti chuckled as he left the courthouse surrounded by his entourage of soldiers to await the jury's verdict on a charge that he ordered the shooting of a disrespectful union official. If convicted, Mr Gotti will face a life sentence.

Mr Gotti. whose taste for expensive tailoring has earned him the nickname Dapper Don, has laid three-to-one bets that he will beat the latest rap that federal prosecutors have brought against him in their war to cripple his command of the Gambino "crime asked, "what happens if you family".

The Gambinos are the only old-style Mafia clan still operating after an unprece-dented purge of the mob hierarchy in the 1980s.

In a three-week televised trial, Mr Gotti's lawyers worked hard to undermine the two key points of prosecution evidence - a tape-recording in were forced to acknowledge that the recording made at the chin.'

Mr Bruce Cutler, the chief defence lawyer, denounced the prosecutors for waging a vendetta against his client. "The majesty of this courtoom can be sullied with the corruptness of this case." Mr Cutler told the jury. "In the prosecutors lust for head-

lines and a noteworthy figure

as they accused, they forgot

the truth." In a stumbling summary, Mr Michael Cherkasky, the prosecutor, explained to the jury why Mr John O'Connor, the victim of the shooting, had turned up as a defence witness to say he had no idea who shot him. "If you get shot by John Gotti for breaking up a res-

taurant," Mr Cherkasky testify against him? Laughing off the affair as the jury went out, Mr Gotti quipped to his television audience: "The people aren't trying me. The people like me, at

least I think they do." But the Don, whose word is said to strike fear throughout the New York underworld, was not pleased by a personal which he is alleged to have slight made by the prosecutor ordered the shooting and the against his own lawyer. "Did testimony of an underworld you hear him zing my lawyer associate. The prosecutors "Mr Gotti asked reporters. "Bruce should hit him on the

Far right threat hangs over Mandela

The personal safety of Nelson Mandela after he is released is a source of profound concern to the South African Government and the African National Congress.

The furious reaction of the white right wing to the removal of bans on the ANC has fuelled fears of Mandela falling victim to an assassin's bullet

Such an event would deprive South Africa of arguably the only man capable of reconciling its races and tribes after generations of conflict, and would wreck the Government's peace initiative.

President de Klerk, in announcing his landmark reforms on Friday, referred specifically to Mandela's security as a factor in delaying his release. Since then, the rhetoric of right-

wing politicians and sporadic violence by their extremist followers, have done nothing to diminish the anxiety. Dr Andries Treurnicht, leader of the far-right Conservative Party, has condemned Mr de Klerk's moves as "absolutely outrageous", and announced a national campaign aimed at recruiting a million supporters to

oppose the Government. The white population would be mobilized, he aid, under the slogan: "A free nation in its own fatherland".

Mr Tom Langley, a Conservative front-bencher, said he would not be surprised if young whites resorted to violent confrontation, and the leader of the ultra-right Boerestaat Party has warned of the threat of civil war.

While such statements present no direct threat to Mandela, there are ell-armed fanatics in clandestine white organizations who do.

A shotgun attack on the British Embassy in Pretoria at the weekend was a reminder of what they are capable of against ill-defended targets. The assailants had time to run up a flag of the old Boer republics and daub a slogan "The struggle begins - Order of the Boer People" on an embassy

Two separate incidents on Saturday highlighted the savagery in extremist ranks. In Transvaal, six white men in vehicles picked up a number of blacks, saying they had work for them, took them to a remote spot and, with fists, feet and whips, beat them. One was allegedly kicked to death. Police said the whites were arrested, and would be charged with murder and attempted murder. In the Orange Free State, members of a far-right organiza-tion stormed a building, when they spotted a photographer from an Afrikaans newspaper on a balcony, and severely assaulted him. He is recovering in hospital.

Outside Parliament Buildings in Cape Town yesterday, a white man dressed in a smart business suit, clambered to the top of a statue of Jan Smuts. South Africa's wartime leader. bearing a large South African flag and a placard denouncing Mr de Klerk as a traitor.

To the amusement and derision of a multiracial crowd, he proceeded to rail in Afrikaans - and then obligingly in English for a television crew - that the President had betrayed the white community.

A young coloured woman summed up the mood by calling out: "Get down, man, we don't kneel at your feet any more. Viva Mandela."

Compared to other countries where public figures are under threat, security here often appears lax, and a long list of anti-apartheid activists murdered in recent years testifies to the impunity with which white "death squads" operate.

Mandela's first days of freedom may be the most critical. He will be besieged by thousands of admirers,

and pursued by hordes of journalists wherever he goes. Mr Johnny Issel, a prominent ANC

activist once wanted by the security police, says the threat to Mandela should not be underestimated. "We are taking this very seriously. The right is in a very confused state; they are acting irrationally, and have already started attacking and killing

He said the best solution would be for Mandela to be guarded by his own "soldiers" from the armed wing of the ANC. "The Government allows other politicians who visit the country to bring their own armed bodyguards, so why not Mandela? If we cannot protect him with arms, we will do so

with our own lives if necessary." Mr Issel discounted suggestions that Mandela was under threat from black radicals opposed to any form of negotiations with the Government.

Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister for Constitutional Development, said vesterday that Mandela would be released "very soon" and special security measures were being

In the beated political climate, Mr de Klerk may also be a potential target, but Mandela clearly runs the

Strikes hit services in Greece

Athens (Renter) - A wave of strikes engulfed Greece yes-terday with power blackouts in the capital and port operations severely disrupted.

fresh curbs on rising costs. ers began a two-day strike

Briton critical

Envoy ousted

spoke during the debate. Satellite plan

Abu Dhabi (Renter) - Iraq will soon launch its own satellite after last year's test of

South Korean students, denouncing the merger of President Roh's party with two opposition groups, fought a battle with riot police here.

schools in the capital to stop the spread of cholera.

Nepal arrests

Doctors lost Nairobi (Reuter) - Two doctors working for the medical charity Médecins Sans Frontières are missing in southern Sudan and thought to be in the

hands of rebels. Killer jailed

Los Angeles (Reuter) - Milos Klvana, a Czechoslovak-born obstetrician, has been jailed for 53 years for the seconddegree murder of eight babies and a foetus.

Kusia Lumpur (Rester) — More than 3,000 Malaysian plantation labourers defied a government order and remained on strike to press their

Priest out

South Africa orders out British tour journalists of Independent Radio News terday that Weaver arrived at ing the tour as well as police nationwide black unrest. Al-

Johannesburg

South Africa yesterday ordered two British reporters covering the controversial tour of the country by Mike Gatting's team of English cricket rebels to leave immediately.

Paul Weaver of Today had

without documentation to ported so recklessly". work.

Weaver has been in Pretourists arrived on January 19 when he wrote a graphic first-person account of police action against demonstrators. his temporary work permit Mr Gene Louw, Minister of withdrawn, and Gareth Furby Home Affairs, alleged yes-

was said to have entered the the airport two hours after the actions." country as a tourist and incidents "on which he re-

He said Furby had said he was visiting South Africa to reporting on the cricket and other events". He added: "He is not a sports writer and it is

ica for three years. A number of resident foreign correspontoria's bad books since the see friends "but was actually dents were ordered out after a state of emergency - partially relaxed by President de Klerk last week - was imposed and clear that his reporting is draconian consorship laws focused on causing maximum were enacted to restrict covernegative perceptions concern- age of police action to tackle

though Weaver's report was They are the first journalists written for the British tabloid to be expelled from South Afr- market, his expulsion is certain to arouse questions about how genuine the Government

is about letting the world see all sides of the reform process. Thousands of applications have been received by Pretoria for accreditation to cover

Nelson Mandela's release.

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Japan cult chief offers salvation Iran and France 'discuss deal

makes devotees drink his vival of militarism. blood and sip potions brewed from his long black hair, is Japan from these plagues if he offering Japanese voters an is voted into Parliament. He offering Japanese voters an is voted into Parliament. He unusual alternative to the does not explain why he will grey-suited candidates in this not use his mystical powers month's general election.

His notoriety grew after Buddhist preacher. police questioned him about His posters are the disappearance last year of Tokyo and subway exits are a lawyer who fought for families that had lost children to his cult. Mr Tsutsumi Sakamoto, aged 33, his wife and his baby son vanished from their home in Yokohama more than two months ago and their whereabouts remain a mystery. Police found a badge of Mr Asahara's outside world's only proof and sect on the floor of the Sakamotos' empty house.

Mr Asahara has assured police he knows nothing about the sudden disappearance, and the drama has done little to dull the enthusiasm of his 4,000, mostly young, disciples. A tubby, bearded man ased

Mr Shoko Asahara, a maver- economic war, a surge in Nirvana" and has "descended does not always work. A disick Buddhist sect leader who nationalist fervour and a re- from a legendary utopia to this enchanted former follower He says he can protect

> even if he remains an ordinary His posters are all over thronged by his followers, all

> wearing rubber masks of his podgy face. But few outside his secretive inner circle believe in his powers. He claims to be able to levitate and to hold his breath and meditate for hours under water. Photographs are the darkroom experts say the pictures are clumsy photocomposites. The one passable levitation photograph shows

was crudely snapped falling from a height.

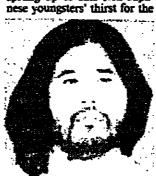
him cross-legged with his long

hair trailing upwards, suggest-

ing that rather than rising he

secular world as a saviour".

The Asahara cult is one of several new religions that have sprung up to sate rich Japa-



Mr Asahara: Would-be MP who claims he can levitate.

meaning of life, though at a price; Mr Asahara's premium course of yoga meditation and psychic power costs around a 34, Mr Asahara is offering the country salvation from what he predicts will be a US-Japan has ever reached the ultimate master's blood. The magic

said: "Though we did not see the blood being taken from the master, they handed out a small wine glass containing three to four teaspoonsful of blood to each of us. "Well, it had no effect, I could not get the power. I decided to leave the cult when

they asked me to write a will saying that all my property would go to the cult if I died." A father who finally got to see his daughter after months of badgering the cult's headquarters wept when he saw "how she had become skin and bones in such a short time. I cannot sleep at night

because I am so womied".

However, Mr Asahara re-tains a troop of devoted followers, who say that they have found truth, enlightenment, the secret of rejuvenation and even learnt how to conquer cancer under his guidance. With such powers, Mr Asa-hara and the 24 of his disciples running with him on February 18 should find the challenge of the hustings casy.

to free American hostages' The French newspaper Le reau chief for Associated the US Secretary of State, Figaro said yesterday President Press, and Mr Thomas Sutherwhen they met for breakfast dent Bush and President land, dean of the faculty of during a stopover at Shannon Mitterrand had discussed a agronomy at the American airport in the Irish Republic proposal by Iran that a Lebanese prisoner held in France

should be freed as part of

negotiations to free American

hostages held in Lebanon. The report came amid renewed indications that President Rafsanjani of Iran is again looking for a way to improve links with the West. However, because of extreme sensitivities left by the Iran-Contra scandal both sides are sentence might be commuted showing great caution.

According to Le Figaro, Iran sought the release of Anis Naccache, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for killing two people during a 1980 against Mr Shapur Bakhtiar, the former Iranian Prime Minister.The newspaper said his release was a key factor in negotiations for the freedom of American hostages. Mr Terry Anderson, regional bu-

By Alan Tillier in Paris and Andrew McEwen in London University of Beirut, are yesterday. among eight Americans be-

lieved to be held in Lebanon.

Naccache, aged 36, has described himself as the European spokesman of Hezbollah, which is believed to be It has links with hardline elements in Tehran.

to 20 years, leading to his nied that it negotiates with kidnappers, though negotiations with Iran would not fall assassination attempt in Paris into that category. Western diplomats said, however, that Washington had not made any

recent approaches to Iran. M Roland Dumas, the believed to have discussed the frozen 10 years earlier by issue with Mr James Baker, President Carter.

The last French hostages held in Lebanon were freed in 1988 after Paris agreed to restore diplomatic relations with Iran. The imprisonment of Naccache has proved an holding most of the hostages. obstacles to a further improvement in Franco-Iranian relations. He ended a five-month hunger strike last month at the years, and Le Figuro said his request of Iranian leaders. according to his lawyers said.

France and Iran have been freedom as early as next year, holding regular negotiations.

The US has repeatedly delion) loan granted to France by the late Shah, but this is said to be not directly linked to the hostage issue.

The Iranian newspaper, Tehran Times, suggested last August that Iran would intervene with the hostage-takers if French Foreign Minister, is the US released Iranian assets

Hospital doctors and bus drivers were also among those demanding more pay and

yesterday.

Singapore (Reuter) - Norman Parkinson, the British photographer, improved slightly after brain surgery here but remains critically ill.

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Geneva (AFP) - A Chinese diplomat was expelled from a meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights here when he tried to photograph a Tibetan who

a carrier rocket, an Iraqi official was quoted as saying. Student riot Seoul (Reuter) - Hundreds of

Cholera move Losaka (AP) - The Zambian Government has closed all

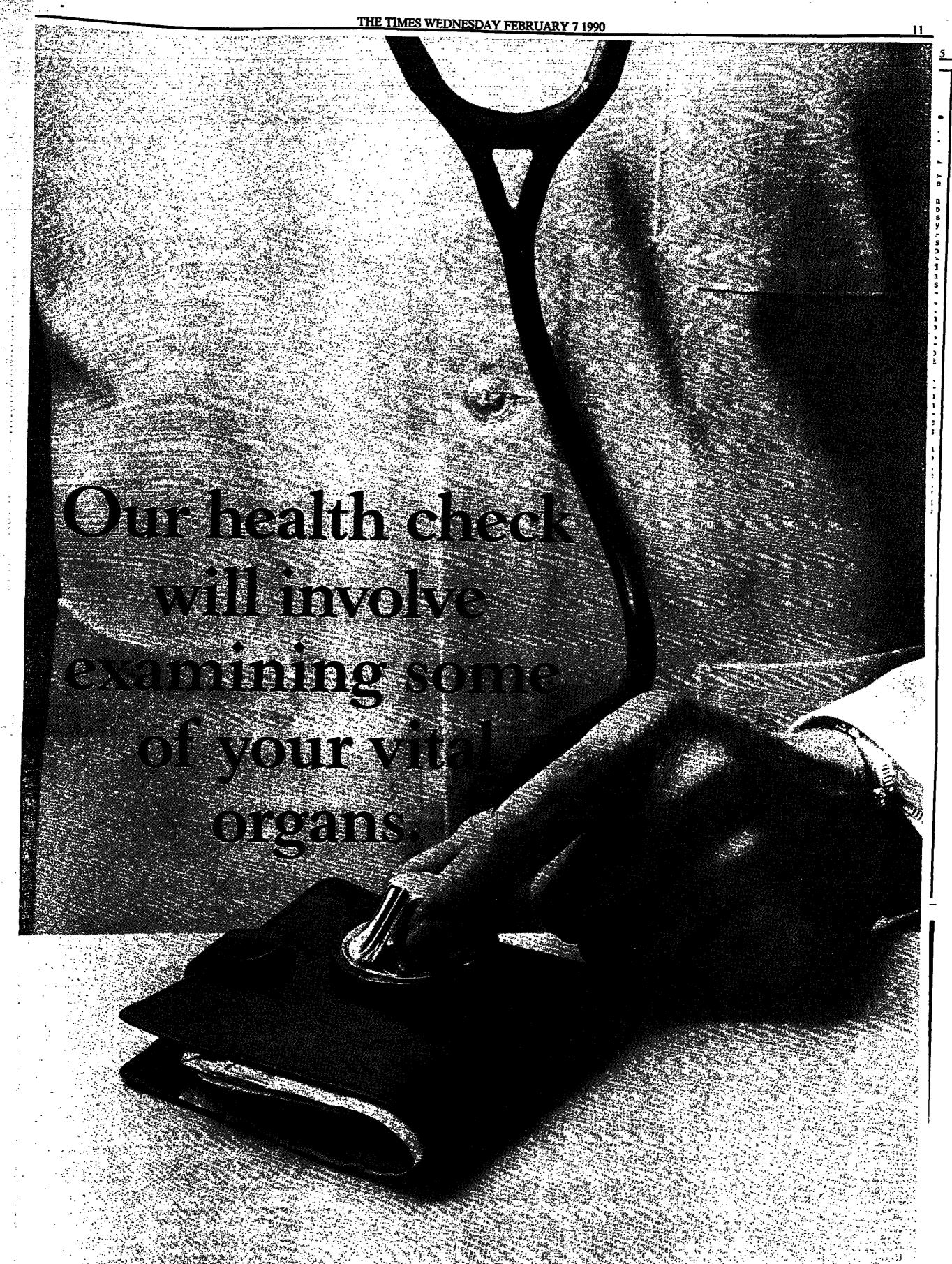
Kathmanda (AP) - Authorities arrested 60 more members of the banned Nepali Congress Party, a party spokesman said.

Order defied

pay demands.

Washington (AFP) - The 4-Roman Catholic Church's archdiocese of Washington has excommunicated Father George Stallings, a rebel black priest who started his own African-American church last

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Sentencing change 'is biggest in 50 years'

Wide-ranging changes in the sentencing of criminals were outlined to MPs by Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, when he made a statement on his White Paper, Crime, Justice and Protecting the Public.

He said that the proposals pointed to the most fun-damental and far-reaching changes for at least half a century in the way offenders

Mr Waddington said that, in preparing the proposals for a coherent legislative framework for sentencing, the Government's aim had been to ensure that offenders were punished ccording to the seriousness of their crimes, to see they received their just deserts, and to see that the public was properly pro-

Really serious crime, particu-larly serious violent crime, had to be followed by really severe punishment. The right punish-ment for serious violent crime was a long prison sentence.

The Government believed that it should have at the forefront of its mind the victims of crime. It was time to spell out what victims were entitled to expect, what help was available more had to be done.

The Government would be publishing a Victims Charter on February 22, European Victims

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said that Labour strongly supported the principle on which the White Paper was

There should be a distinction in sentencing policy between violent and sexually related crimes and less serious crimes against property. Less serious offenders should be punished in the community. For first offenders, prison was more likely to **HOME OFFICE**

Labour welcomed linking fines to an ability to pay, the requirement on courts to consider probation reports before awarding custodial sentences, and to give reasons for awarding

Labour had no argument with the principles, but only with the way in which they would be

There were still discrepancies between sentencing in different courts, between men and women, and black and Asian British citizens. The Govern-ment had urged the judiciary to make more use of non-custodial sentences, but it had not responded.

Steps should be taken to ensure greater consistency in sentencing policy. The Government should not have set its face against a sentencing council. Labour welcomed the pro-

posals to make probation auto-matic for prison sentences of less than four years. If the Carlisle report (on parole ed immediately, what assess-ment had the Government made of the effect on the number of men and women serving custodial sentences?

If parole were only given when half the sentence had been served, the prison population would rise by 4,000. It would be abourd if the first effect of the White Paper was to increase the

When the Government made its statement on compensation it should, as an absolute minimum, replace the right to compensation that was reduced or removed by the Criminal Justice Act, 1988.

Changes that had been made in the threshold for those en-titled to claim compensation for

right from about 10,000 people a year. The Government should ratify the European Convention crims of violent crime.

The Government's task was to reduce both crime and the prison population from their present record levels. The real test of its determination to do so, was the courage with which it put the principles in the White Paper into practice.

Mr Waddington said that the Government was determined to make sentences served closer to the the ones that were passed by ensuring that everyone served at least 50 per cent.

The Opposition had shrunk from that added protection to the public and was determined to stick to the policy of offend-ers, even violent ones, being released into community after serving only a third of their

The prison population was not at record levels, it had fallen by 2,500 in the past 12 months as a result of judges responding to calls to send fewer people to

The Government did not believe that an elaborate structure, such as a sentencing council interfering in judicial discretion, was the right course. Mandatory sentences could result in far longer sentences. No one had been able to make a precise estimate of the effects

of the new package. But the Government looked to the the belief that it would have continuing downward effect on

Mr John Wheeler (West-minster North, C), a former prison governor, said that the proposals were among the most radical and practical in almost 50 years. Among other things, hooligans would at last be dealt with in an accountable way, as Mr Robert Maclensan, Lib-eral Democrat spokesman on much to welcome in the White Paper in its clear attempt to distinguish between serious crimes and less serious crimes which were unsuitable for custodial treatment. That was a big step in penal policy.

However, many would have some doubt about the efficacy of the proposed measures. The Court of Appeal guidelines had proved ineffective in producing consistency in sentencing and in reducing the extraordinarily long sentences as compared with those in other countries. Mr Waddington should not set his mind against a sentencing council and sentencing guidelines if the proposed measures did not achieve the results sought.

Mr Waddington said that he did not think that a new body would achieve more than the present system had. He understood that a sentencing council would merely lay down guide-lines on appropriate sentences for particular categories of

Credit must be given to the judges. Sentencing practice, particularly with regard to young offenders, had been changed, and that was a reason for the fall in the prison population.

Mr Steven Norris (Epping Forest, C) said that there could be no more powerful weapon to reduce criminality than linking parents' rights with respon-

Mr Waddington said that parents had the first opportunity to inculcate into children a sense of right and wrong and respect for the property of others. Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab) welcomed the

have children after a rape. Efforts were continually being intention to give tougher treatment to those guilty of violent crime. He hoped that those guilty of violent rape would get the toughest treatment of all. The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board had proved pathetically insidewate to its made to extend the remedies for victims of crime. Mr John Greenway (Ryedale, C) said that the concept of the punishment fitting the crime and his policy of getting tough with violent offenders would be popular with the public. Did the

Mr Waddington said that the board's powers had recently been extended. It could make compensation awards to those White Paper include measures to deal with football hoolisuffering shock in some cases, and to women who decided to

Mr Waddington said that curfew orders monitored by electronic tagging might be Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orping-n., C) congratulated Mr

Waddington on the proposals, but said that it would be very undesirable if the Government were to fetter judicial discretion in sentencing and produce a

Mr Jacques Arnold (Grave-sham, C) asked for an assurance that the community penalties would be tough on hooligans. Would they be put to work doing something useful?

Mr Waddington: We are going to lay down national guidelines for community service so that there is consistency. I can assure him that we have in mind that community service should be tough and de-

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Mr Austin Mitchell (left) with Rachael Carley, the model, and Mr Frank Field at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London, yesterday, at the start of Challenge, part of a retail industry drive to buy British-made clothing and shoes.

Mackay pledge on embryo research

how to meet anxieties about the protection of an embryo in its first 30 hours, after a decision has been made on the general

Embryology Bill in the House of Lords, Lord Mackey of Clash-fera, the Lord Chancellor, said that the Government would certainty was followed by consider in the light of the decision on research whether the controls in the Bill for the control before the two cells are cent that fertilization had been cent that fertilization had been period before the two-cell zygote stage were sufficient and would decide whether to introduce its

Lady Elles (C) moved an amendment to define an em-bryo as existing from the time when the sperm completed penetration of the egg rather than, as in the Bill, from the first cell division to create a two-cell

zygote.

She said that the amendment would not affect a later decision. on whether to ban or permit experiments on embryos. It was not a wrecking amendment, but sought to ensure that the Government commitment that both Houses should have a free vote on research was fully honoured. The Bill defined an embryo as

beginning with the appearance of a two-cell zygote, but that was about 30 hours after the sperm Under the Bill as it now stood,

if research on embryos were not permitted, it would not be permitted from the two-cell zygote stage. The amendment would close

this 30-hour gap.

Lord Mackay of Clashfera agreed that the amendment would not affect the later debate on banning research. He said that the Bill defined an embryo by the point when the process of fertilization was completed with the appearance of the two-cell

zygote.

He recognized Lady Elles's concern that that would leave the embryo unprotected for about twenty-four hours. Scien-tifically, from the time when the amendment.

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human sperm and ova were issue of whether experiments should be permitted on embryos at any stage.

During the committee stage of the Human Fertilisation and the Human Fertilisation and stage.

The stage of the appearance of the two-cell zygote when it was possible to tell by observation alone whether penetration had occurred, interspersed with peri-ods when that was not observable. A final period of uncompleted.

They should not anticipate the decision on research, but he definition of embryo might leave uncontrolled for about twenty-four hours any research in vitro up to the two-cell zygote stage. No one would be allowed to create embryos except under licence. If research were banned, the Bill would prevent research projects to create two-cell zy-

Lord Ennals, from the Oppo-sition front bench, said earlier that on this issue he spoke only for himself. The time to look at this amendment was after the It would be unwise to be pushed into a new definition, particularly one with difficulties.

The Duke of Norfolk (C) said that the pro-life group wanted no experiments from fertilization onwards. Experiments on drugs to prevent fertilization and abortificients might be allowed unless the Bill defined more accurately when life began. "As the Bill stands, anyone could produce embryos and perform any kind of re-search upon them without a licence so long as they were destroyed before the two-cell

Lord Adrian (Ind) said that if research were not banned, then it would be important that the period of 30 hours be covered. Lady Elles said that in the light of the Lord Chabcellors's promise to consider the matter

Calm down, Thatcher tells Kinnock **EDUCATION REPORT**

An angry Mr Neil Kinneck was admon-ished by the Prime Minister at question time when he attacked her over the "lousy deal" that a third of children were getting in the nation's schools.

Were getting in the nation's schools.

He was jeered by Conservative backbenchers and Mrs Thatcher said that
she was glad that the inspectors whose
report he was quoting dealt more calmly
with the subject than he. She accused
him of being temperamental and not
listening to her answers. Mr Kianock opened the exchanges when he asked if she accepted the canclusions of the inspectors' report which stated that a third of school children were getting a raw deal. "Does she not cansider that to be a damning indictment of her Covernment?"

Mrs Thatcher said that she had gut the report and had read it very carefully. It gave a better summary than had Mr Kinnock.

It said: The overall picture is of a service in which most of what is done is of a reasonable quality or better. This is a sound basis for improvement and change and should be recognized as

such. The report had gone on to say that there were some things that were wrong and needed to be remedied (Labour interruptions), but across the schools inspected, 70 to 80 per cent of the work seen was adjudged to be satisfactory or better.

"Roughly one-third of all levels were judged good or very good. That is not the profile of a service in great difficulty." Mr Kinnock asked if she realized what she was really saying. That because in two-thirds of cases things were not bad that somehow justified the fact that in per cent of cases pupils were getting a raw deal. "If she is going to try to get at the truth, why doesn't she go for the whole truth?"

Mrs Thatcher said that the words she had used were not hers but those of the inspectors. She had accepted that there were still things that needed to be done. More was being spent on education

the inspectors' report. The teachers' pay settlement would give special help to teachers where they were needed, particularly in the shortage subjects. An extra £400 million in capital support was being provided for further levelopments in schools

Mr Kinnock: The Prime Minister speaks of a good report. It just shows how easily she is satisfied by the mistreatment of other people's children. She speaks of reforms. Which of her reforms will provide mathematics, science, technology and language teachers

Which of her reforms . . . (interrup-ous from Conservative backbenchers) They do not even send their children to oed schools (Labour cheers). Which of her reforms are going to provide books in libraries where there are no books? Which are going to where there is no equipment? Which of her reforms will raise the morale of the teaching force and stop buildings cram-

Mrs Thatcher: I am glad the inspectors faced their task more calmly than Mr Kianock. More money is being spent per pupil in real terms than ever before. There are more teachers in proportion to children than ever before. There is a very good new teachers' pay settlement which will help to get those teachers in ahort supply in particular subjects.

There is a new national supriculum There is a new national curricular

The inspectors' report says that, across schools of all types, implementation of the national curriculum is beginning to

Yes, of course there are still things to rea, at course there are still times to be done. There always will be, but it takes time, when Opposition MPs ask questions in a very temperamental way and refuse to listen to the answers. The education service is in far better shape than ever before.

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Consumer protection move withdrawn The committee stage of the Courts and Legal Services Bill deals could be in the interests of was concluded in the House of the customer. HOUSE OF LORDS

Lords early on Tuesday after six days of consideration.

An Opposition amendment, designed to give extra consumer protection over house-buying services, was withdrawn after a short debate.

Lord Misheon, for the Opposition, moving the amendment, said that it would prevent a lender, or any associate, charg-ing more for a particular service to a borrower who did not require other services, such as financial ones. He said that it would ensure that borrowers would not be charged more than someone who had obtained all

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, opposing the amendment, said that it was not as attractive as it might seem. It would restrict the offering of package deals to borrowers at a discount. Provided that there was no element of coercion or anything to do with this evil conditionality, a package of thing Less than 1 per cent of the services could benefit the borcases are fought on this basis."

said that, provided there was no compulsion on the parties, it was right that there should be a free market. If people wished to avail themselves of services from only one source, she added, they should be free to do

Other speeches in the debate. reported in later editions yes-terday, included the following. Lord Hailsham of St Marylehope, a former Lord Chancellor This is an evil thing and it can only be described as evil and corrupt to an honourable

"If you make it pay to be dishonest, people will become dishonest ... and that is what the proposal will do."

Conditional fees, he said, were no substitute for the legal aid system. "The Scots will not have

The Scots could not "touch it with a bargepole". Lord Mishcon, an Opposition spokesman on legal affairs, said that, without a grant of legal aid, 70 per cent of the population could not face a long civil case. The Opposition pleaded with the Government not to make a mockery of the ideal that the courts were open to all. The

proposal must not be a substitute for legal aid. Lord Donaldson of Lymington (Ind) said that the clause was not in the interests of the client as a

Lord Morris (C) said that 90 per cent of people thought it a positive evil that the lawyer had no financial interest in the case. Over and over again they felt that that meant that he had little or no reason to exert himself. People spoke of the casual attitude of their legal representatives in cases. Workers in magistrates' courts and in other courts believed strongly that a and not, as in America, to the financial interest, properly amount of damages. The geared, would concentrate the arrangement would include, so mind of lawyers much more.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, said that this clause was not a substitute for legal aid. It would be no part of the conditions required of an applicant for legal aid that he should try first for a conditionalfee arrangement, He was not seeking in the

clause to do anything more than make such agreements possible. There was still full room for the professional bodies to make detailed rules about what pre-cisely would happen. The clause made it lawful to have a conditional-fee agreement, related to the actual fee, with an "uplift", which he had described in the White Paper as

From the moral point of view, there seemed to him no objection. Such a right over and above legal aid struck him as a valuable one for the client. The far as the professional rules were concerned, the requirement that the client had a reasonable case

Lord Mishcon asked if he would accept an amendment calling for a legal-aid authority not to take into account such an agreement when deciding on whether to give legal aid. Lord Mackay agreed in prin-ciple (the amendment was later accepted without a vote.).

The clause was carried by 136 votes to 56 — Government majority, 80.

• CORRECTION: The report

on Friday of the committee stage should have said that Lord Mishcon's successful amend ment was to ensure that institutional conveyancers would have to abide by the same rules on disclosure and accounting for commissions as now apply to solicitors. He pressed the issue to a vote after failing to be satisfied by the Lord Chancellor's assurances of consultation on the issue agreement related to work done sultation on the issue.

Bill would tackle car fraud

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Dishonesty and fraud were rife in the motor trade and the time was long overdue when they should be tackled by legislation, Mr Gareth Wardell (Gower, Lab) said.

He was given leave under the 10-minute rule to introduce the Motor Trade (Consumer Protection) Bill. It would give trading-stan-dards officers the power to inspect used cars for sale on garage forecourts. He said that each year 7.5 million secondhand cars were sold.

Protest over expulsions

The Government had told South Africa that it regretted the expulsion of Mr Paul Weaver, of Today, and Mr Gareth Furby, of Indepen-dent Radio News, Mrs Thatcher said at questions.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Social Democrats, protesting about the expulsions, said that it was time, not to reliquish sanc-tions, but to maintain inter-national action until

Passports in Berlin

British passport holders are unable to cross to East Berlin through the Brandenberg Gate, Mr Wil-liam Powell (Corby, C) said at question time. He told MPs that he had tried to cross there yesterday.

Border guards had courteously directed him to Checkpoint Charlie because people from this country were only able to cross under the treaty signed in 1948. He called for the arrangements to be revised.

Homeless aid

Government departments are looking at how government policies work to gether to ensure that appropriate assistance is available for homeless people Mr Christopher Chope, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said in a Commons written reply. Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Foreign and Common-wealth Office. Motions on regulations. Lords (2.30): Debate on the role of the free market

Royal Navy debate

Wrens will sail with the fleet

The following report of later speeches in the annual Commons ate on the Royal Navy appeared in later editions The breaking of generations

Navy warships. Newy warsnes.

Women would serve in a wide range of ships, including the carriers and amphibious ships, he said, when winding up the debate. A team had been ap-

pointed to plan an early selection and modification of vessels. The aim was for the first Wrens Earlier, Mr Jonathan Sayeed (Bristol East, C) had urged him

igniust making such an an-

nouncement, saying that to have women on board ship would Mr Sapeed said that families and particularly wives believed that to have women operating at pressures on the men — and on their wives. Being cooped up in a small vessel created jealousies

of Royal Navy tradition was all Democrat defence spokesamounced by Mr Archie man, said that he was against
Hamilton, Minister of State for any reduction in the fleet of 50
the Armed Forces, when he told
MPs that women would in future the state to serve on board Royal other directions. If troops were withdrawn from mainland Europe some means of

redeployment would be required in times of an emergency. That would ensure that the Navy continued to play an important ester, C) said that a defence review of some kind would certainly be necessary, "I

believe we should not put off for

long the start of that review. It

will take time, but any shift in our procurement or change in numbers in the armed forces will necessarily take time as well." Mr Michael Woodcock (Ellesmere Port and Neston, C) said that it was wrong and wasteful for women to be prevented from



Mr Hamilton: Breaking the tradition of generations. carrying out tasks in the Navy that they were willing to per-form. Almost all Wrens wanted to go to sea.

Mr Hamilton, 2011

ground of concern about the Royal Navy's future manning. The nature of mayal operations meant that Wrens would be liable to serve in combat. "This represents a change in the longstanding policy that women should not undertake service duties that may include combat. "We have concluded that to attempt to categorize ships as 'combat' and 'non-combat' ing ... when all ships will be liable to serve in potentially dangerous waters." Present plans did not extend

surface ships, said that it had been taken against a back-

to submarines, but early studies would be made into employing romen as naval aircrew and in the Royal Marines. Studies world also establish how women could serve at sea in ships of the Royal Fleet Annihary.

Wreas would be asked to volunteer for sea service. In the Dutch Navy, where women served on board ship, a "hot line" had been installed so

that wires were able to ring up and find out what was going on.

Labour offers policy changes By Nicholas Wood Political Correspondent

Labour is prepared to alter its policy review in the light of the opinions of businessmen, Mr Neil Kinnock indicated yesterday at the launch of a campaign aimed at enhancing the credibility of its industrial policies.

In a move highlighting the Opposition's desire to rid itself of the anti-business image of the early 1980s, the Labour leader said that he was prepared to be flexible over his

party's plans for levy on firms to pay for The plans are opposed by the Confederation of British Industry. He also defended his policies for a partnership with industry against the accusation that they were a rehash of the failed ideas of the Wilson Administration

He said that if such policies had been followed over the past 25 years. Britain might not now be larging behind countries that had stuck to policies of regional development, investment support and

Any system, whether it is levy and rebate, which we favour in the absence of a better alternative, or training credits (favoured by the Confederation of British Industry) or a combination of the systems that are in existence elsewhere in the European Community would recommend itself to us.

"We want to get the job done with the INDUSTRY

least bureaucracy and the best product "So far, we believe that the levy system, working on the German model, recommends itself most..."

Mr Kinnock's readiness to reconsider the mechanism for his training policies contrains with the policy review, which commits the party to setting up a national training fund paid for by a payroll key of 0.5 per cent, the taxpayer and European Community funds. Mr Kinnock, who has already held a

number of private meetings with industrialists, announced a series of "business seminars" at which industrialists would be invited to "scrutinize and bring their ideas and experience to bear on the policy approach presented by our policy review A key objective would be see if there were improvements to be made to the present proposals, he said.

Meanwhile, Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said that Labour's plans for a "iritle bit of nationalization, intervention, economic planning and extra taxation were a call for a little bit of what failed in Eastern Europe". Mr Gordon Brown, the Opposition's chief trade and industry spokesman, gave more details of the *Industry 2000* seminars to be held in the North-west, the Midlands,

He said: "We are entering into the most sustained dialogue with industry that a political party has been able to do for many

"We believe that we are leading a new national consensus that involves a partner-ship and concentrates on a skills gap, a technology gap, a science gap affecting the есополну. Tougher takeover rules, support services for small businesses, technology transfer to-small and medium-size firms, and balanced

growth across the regions of the Uniteda. Kingdom will be the topics to be discussed. at the seminars.
The campaign will also highlight the case. for more research into new technologies

and for better job training. These discussions will inform the current stage of Labour's policy review, the conclusions from which will be presented in the spring."

Labour knows that "economic competence" remains one of its weak spots and the latest campaign is an important planking in its efforts to enhance its credibility in the eyes of the electorate. But its prescription will continue to be

attacked by the Tories as "meddling" in the affairs of individual firms and wasting money on a host of inwanted quantor more than one million according to a Central Office briefing to Conservative MPs.

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The land where Stalin lives on

In the political turmoil of Eastern Europe, only Albania clings stubbornly to oldstyle Marxism. But behind the repression and the obsessive, all-pervading suspicion of outside influences, its people seem curiously content. George Hill went to the last outpost of orthodoxy to find out why

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astern Europe's last domino is still standing, after all. As communist regimes tumble all the way from the Baltic to the Black Sea, commentators have hastened to extrapolate the trend to Albania, the poorest, harshest regime of all, the last redoubt of unabashed Stalinism. In neighbouring Yugoslavia, the first communist country to break free of Stalin's domination, reports were current last month of disorder and repression just across the border. Ironically, it is Yugoslavia which now faces disorder verging on civil war - in its province of Kosovo, where almost nine out of 10 of the population are ethnic Albanians. Dozens are reported to have died in clashes with riot police, and last week the

tanks rolled in. The red flag of Albania, with its black, two-headed eagle, is flaunted by Kosovo dissidents with the same fervour as the former banners of Estonia, the Ukraine and even of the Tsars are brandished by demonstrators in other parts of

Meanwhile, Albania preserves a

stoic and wary calm, as far as I

Eastern Europe.

could judge on a recent 500-mile journey through the south and centre of the country. Even in the capital, Tirana, the crowds taking their evening promenade seemed outwardly contented with their lot, at a moment when fresh reports of widespread shooting

In the beautiful mountain stronghold of Gjirokaster, in the heart of the allegedly repressed Greek minority community, the townspeople seemed cheerful as they chatted and whistled in the cobbled streets, or waited their turn to be shaved with a cut-throat razor in the centre of local male gossip, the barber's shop.

there appeared in the Greek Press.

According to eye-witnesses, the dissidents' cry in Kosovo is: "Democracy!" It is a tragic paradox that Yugoslavia, which used to be the least oppressive state in Eastern Europe, has been so split by ethnic discord that an embattled minority can identify democracy, even rhetorically, with the most undemocratic regime in the

The same paradox was apparent last year when the Moldavian minority within the Soviet Union called for unity with their kinsmen.



in Romania even while Romania was still in the grip of modern Europe's most vicious dictatorship. Last month, Soviet Azerbaijanis tore down the frontier fence which separated them from their fellow-Muslims in the grim theocracy of Iran. Blood is proving to be thicker than the water of ideology all through the outlying regions of Stalin's dis-

In the last resort, blood is probably a more relevant factor than ideology in explaining the anomalous durability of the Albanian regime, in its timewarp of the 1940s. The verbiage of Marxist-Leninist ideology is ubiquitous -printed in stark red and white on buildings and hoardings, picked out in white stones across mountainsides in letters 20ft high, and the only merchandise in what must be the most depressing bookshops in the universe. But the underlying significance of the message is akin to that expressed in the name of the IRA's political front, Sinn Fein - "Ourselves

integrating empire.

Independence is the central political issue in Albania. The obsessive suspicion towards all outside influences which moti-vated Enver Hoxha, its leader for 40 years until his death in 1985, looks less like paranoia when one remembers that at different times in the 40 years before that, Albania had been partly or wholly under the control of no fewer than seven outside powers. Self-rule had existed only briefly, and democracy

oxha's reign was one long story of ties broken off with allies he suspected of growing too domineering. His fear of being beholden was so extreme that he wrote a ban on foreign indebtedness into the national constitution. He ordered the construction of thousands of concrete machine-gun emplacements, turning the whole country into a fantastic pattern of Maginot lines. Religion, a long-standing source of internal division, was summarily In effect, the regime chose to be

separate, whatever the consequences - to be poor rather than dependent. Hoxha's successors, more pragmatic in their attitude towards outward contacts, have risked only slight relaxations in the apparatus of internal control. While the rest of Europe has moved towards affluence, Albania Three-fifths of the population live has been left behind in a selfon the land: the Industrial Revolu-

sufficient poverty which is now only paralleled in the Third World. Per capita, even Yugoslavia's gross national product is more than twice as large as Albania's. That of Greece, poorest member of the EC, is four times as large. In the per capita league, Albania comes a little way behind Turkey and a little way ahead of

Egypt.
For visitors, this can be picturesque. In some respects, Thomas Hardy would find the agriculture antiquated. The oxcart is a commoner sight on country roads than the motor-car. Even in January, the fields are dotted not only with pill-boxes but also with troops of women in white head-scarves and brightlycoloured dresses, digging carrots or scratching at the soil with hoes. The village wash is done in a stream, the dirt beaten out of the clothes as if soap had never been invented. Women carry firewood back to the village, or balance heavy jars on their heads. When

their work is done they sink down, pinched and weary, in attitudes of complete physical exhaustion.

tion has scarcely arrived. Even in the towns, the rhythm of life appears dulling. Lowry-like multitudes of walking figures throng Tirana's immense central square in the rush-hour, slowly making their way to work. In town and country alike, long hours are spent sitting at the roadside in an almost oriental patience, waiting to be taken to wherever one has been ordered to go.

The people do not live in squalor. The necessities of life are available, and cheap. Income tax does not exist (the exchequer is funded from the earnings of Albania's rich mineral resources, which alone have made the whole experiment possible). Conditions have improved perceptibly over the past 10 years. Prices and earnings are tightly controlled, and the black market fiercely suppressed, so that there is little to be gained by bustling about. Nobody can become really rich,

but nobody need be indigent.

To visitors, the sense of physical

deeply oppressive. If the people appear, as they do, to take the obtrusive presence of armed police and plain-clothes security agents as a matter of course, their private feelings may be very

ily assume that they are nursing urgent feelings of resentment. The official media make the most of the turnults in the socialist world. Kosovo took up the greater part of the television news whenever I watched. Graphic film from Azerbaijan, showing corpses in the snow and a Muslim militant passionately kissing his Koran, rubbed in a message congenial to a xenophobic, atheist regime.

enthusiastically out-lined to me the besetting evils of capitalism: unemployment, crime, drugs, and (of course) encroachments on the sovereignty of small nations. It was an indictment not vithout substance. Asked whether Albanians do not find it humiliating to be locked away from the outside world by the last barbed wire Iron Curtain in Europe, he replied: "Suppose the people in the house next to yours fight and take drugs — wouldn't you put up a fence to keep your children away from them?"

Whether or not they are content to have their government think of them as children, Albanians are not cut off from direct knowledge of the outside world. Spindly television aerials bristle along the city skylines, and reach high above the pantiled roofs of single-storey cottages in the villages of the coastal plain. In many cramped dwellings, the television set must be by far the most splendid furnishing in the home. Assembled in Albania from imported parts (paid for in scarce hard currency), each set costs the equivalent of six months' salary for most workers.

The aerials reach high to catch the signal from distant Italian, Yugoslav or Greek stations. News, movies, fashion shows, and game shows awarding dazzling con-sumer goodies as prizes, flit before the eyes of workers on state farms as they sit wearily after a day with the shovel or the hoe.

The regime has chosen to outside world and its temptations. Most Albanians must gain a clear perspective on the choice that their rulers have made for them a choice of stability, conformity and the simple life as against change, pluralism, affluence and

How fully they endorse that choice is hard to guess, when the apparatus of state control is so allpervasive. But there can be little doubt that they are aware of the

Date with terror in a tacky Brighton Wok

Following last week's television showing of Graham Greene's Brighton Rock with the young Richard Attenborough playing the psychopathic gangster Pinkie, Mr Greene has agreed to write a follow-up novel set in today's more wellto-do Brighton. A terrifying look at the dinner party bullyboys who are now terrorizing the city, Brighton Wok is a savage indictment of the social mores of the coastal media gangs. Richard Attenborough again stars as Dickie, the gangleader who visits fear upon a neighbourhood with his invitations to drop by for a really super, super time with some very dear and lovely

Hale knew, before he had been in Brighton three hours, that Dickie planned to ask him to drinkie-poos. The Jacuzzi in the five-star hotel gushed and spewed like an abscess jetting poison through the nerve. The room-service button, an emblem of deep loneliness on an expanse of stippled wall, stared back at him like a oneeved man who happened to be wearing a stippled suit. The telephone lay silent, dead as the corpse of Joseph of Arimathea, or even deader.

On the floor, the strands of the thick-pile carpet looked like so many lost souls seeking refuge from eternity in the oblivion of the crowd. The remote-control box lay separate from the colour television, a sinner yearning for redemption.

There was a knock on the door. And then another. "For God's sake, no," Hale thought. He recognized the style at once. "When sentences. Get this short," he theresh. "You know. Somethought, "You know. Something is about to. Happen."

Dickie, he knew, was out to get him. But surely he would never find him here? "Blimey ducks, any old iron, lor luvaduck, me old flower." It was the maid, her bosom swelling like two robed priests in genuflexion. Something about the nuance of her speech told Hale that Her Creator had seen to it that she was working class. Hale watched as she straightened the goosedown



Brown

duvet until it lay on the bed like snow on a still-warm Dickie fingered the Twiglet. With a single flick of his wrist, he snapped it in two. He felt

nothing for it at all. It was like a biscuit in his hands; something to break, to bite, to eat. He went down the shops. As he passed, people scurried into the open doors of a green-grocer. But they discovered too late that even the biggest

aubergine afforded them no protection. "Darling! You're looking DIVINE. Just ADORED your last movie. You MUST drop round this evening. SUPER! Big kiss!"
Dickie issued compliments Dickie issued compliments with ruthless speed. He only had to open his mouth and you were already invited to a party. A man wasn't able to think up an excuse until it was 100 late. Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, venite

"Blimey O'Reilly", "Fancy that", "Down at the old Bull and Bush", "Well I never". The ceaseless hum of ordinary people conversing with one another gave Dickie a strange feeling of something like guilt. He felt in his heart the prowling presence of pity. Pity for all those countless million souls who could never - not

ever - come to his parties. A deep melancholy overtook his conscience as he thought of Hale. He must not remain uninvited; but how could be possibly reach him? Above him, swooping and flapping like a surplice on a horror of all.

washing line, a lone seaguil was caught short. Its deposit landed on Dickie's head like an offering from heaven, if there was a heaven. He reached for it with his hand. It was as white as ash, or even a bit whiter.

The Brighton seafront extended before Dickie like the train of a bridal gown that has been employed once too often as a car-rag. Dickie had be-lieved once, he had believed in Three Persons in One Alliance as nobody else had. Owen, Steel, Jenkins. He had worshipped them with a kind of pride, a kind of pity, but none of the lovies out there had voted for them and now they were no more. The Time Has Come. Tempus venit. How

like empty slogans those beliefs now seemed!

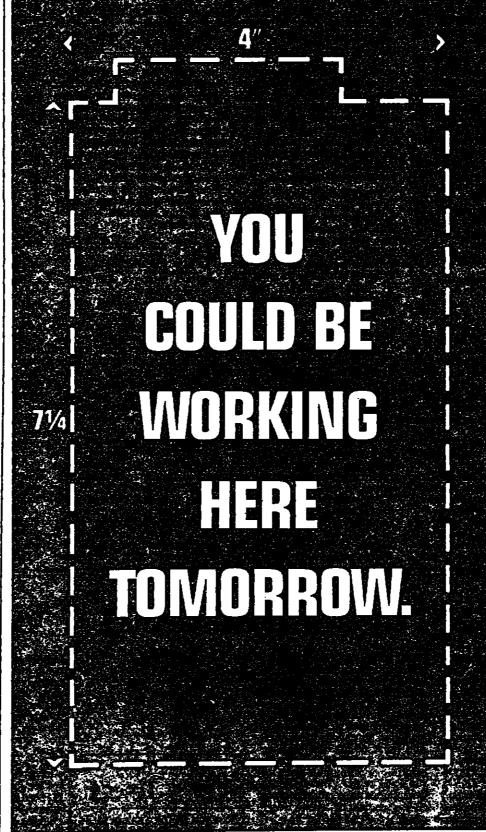
"My old man said carry the
can", "I'm all right Jack",
"Bloomin' eck, mate". Dickie
brushed past the ordinary
people and entered the telephone box, its paint peeling like ageing lipstick on a cardi-nal's cloak. Speaking in a low voice for fear it might carry, he gave his message up to Hale's hotel Ansaphone.

"Bless you, lovey. Do, do, DO come to a party tonight if at all poss. There's a love. Simply can't WAIT to see you.

'No one can turn away from the blinding love of Dickie," murmured the elderly priest from behind the grate of the confessional. "Dickie's love is everywhere and all-powerful, my child."

"But, Father, I am fearful of his superlatives. I shy away from his overwhelming compliments. I am embarrassed by his abundant overstatement. I cannot bring myself to attend at his party," Hale said. "So far I have managed to

"If he wants you," said the elderly priest, "he will get you "But he has not got me yet," thought Hale receiving absolution, "and he never will." He walked rapidly back towards his hotel room, and the



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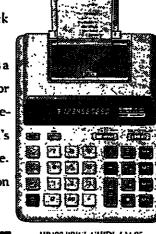
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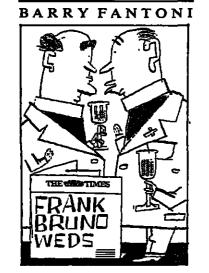
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one are the days when Tory can-didatures were served on a plate to the great and the good. I learn that before his selection as Tory candidate in the Mid-Staffordshire by-election, Christopher Prior had to beat off a large number of apparently more qualified "retreads" with previous Commons experience in an exhausting procedure that should make the by-election campaign itself a piece of cake. Of the original 240 applicants, the list was whittled down to 20, who were interviewed individually by the selection committee. From that number, four went forward for a further interview with the local executive. Although it is quite usual at this stage for the executive to put only one name before the final adoption meeting, recent unseemly and public rows over shortlists of one clearly ruled out the practice this time. So Prior had to compete against Richard Ottaway, the former MP for Nottingham North, in addressing a meeting of party members and answering questions for half an hour. Before disposing of Ottaway, Prior had also seen off former MPs Warren Hawksley, Robert Harvey and Roy Galley, all of whom lost their seats in 1987 and must now continue their search elsewhere.

s Sylvia Heal, Labour's candidate in Mid-Staffordshire, a unilateralist or not? The Tories, I hear, are determined to make the question an issue in the campaign. What is common knowledge is that Mrs Heal is a former member of CND but made a passionate speech at last year's party conference backing Neil Kinnock's switch to a multilateral policy of negotiated and verifiable disarmament. But why, then, did she tell The Independent last week: "I am still a unilateralist"? Her spokesman tells me it was "a figure of speech used in the context of recent unilateralist remarks made by Gorbachov, George Bush and even Douglas Hurd". The Tories will be working hard to suggest otherwise.

• With David Owen in China this week making cooing noises to the regime which brought as Tiananmen Square, ramours persist at Westminster that the one job which would persuade him to give up active politics is the governorship of Hong Kong. Could there be any connection?

don't wish to alarm my Westminster colleagues, but they should keep their eyes open for signs of infestation by those two highly damaging and unpleasant creatures, Ptinus Tectus and Stegobium Paniceum. Before anyone rings the doctor, I hasten to add that the Australian spider beetle and the bread beetle which hide under these exotic names attack only books. Conservative MP Michael Grylls this week asked Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, to investigate what devastation the creatures may have wreaked on the Commons library. There are no signs yet, he replied, but staff are on the aiert.



"I suppose 'I will, know what I mean, Harry' is lawfully binding?"

he Nicaraguan revolution will enter a new phase of struggle tonight at Wandsworth Town Hall. At issue will be a specially reserved parking space outside his Putney home for Francisco d'Escoto, Nicaraguan ambassador to London. At a committee meeting last month Tory council leaders argued against the allocation of a free parking space for his official Volvo but lost the vote when two of their own side, feeling that even Marxists were entitled to a privilege extended to every other ambassador in London, joined forces with Labour councillors to approve. As the Tories have an overall majority of one, they could be set for a rare defeat when the matter goes to the full council meeting.

fter Commons secretaries were polled recently on the best cressed wir (winner Julian Critchley), they are now being invited to vote on Britain's The spirit is soonsored healthiest politician. The stunt is sponsored by the California Prune Board which has designated for later this month a "National Prune Week". Paddy Ashdown, a former Royal Marine, is believed to fancy his cigarette-smoking Health Secretary, Kenneth Clarke.

uring Douglas Hurd's four years as Home Secretary a determined ef-

fort was made to change the direction of a penal system which had become over-dependent on prison sentences. As the prison population climbed up and up, steadily outrunning the new places provided by the largest prison building programme this century, spilling over into the use of police cells to hold remand prisoners, the need for a new initiative became increasingly urgent.

The answer was not hard to find, since the pressure on the prisons, the high cost, and the squalor resulting from over-crowding would all be diminished by sending fewer people to jail. The real problem lay in surmounting two formidable blocks: the fact that convicted offenders are sentenced by an independent judiciary not subject to ministerial direction; and that public opinion, as reflected in Parliament, the Conservative Party and the Press, would be suspicious of anything smacking of going soft on crime

Yesterday's White Paper, the fruit of two years' preparation, contains at its heart the idea of punishment in the community, a policy developed after much consultation based on the propoLord Windlesham assesses the punishment White Paper

More than just deserts

sition that for those convicted of less serious offences, punishment can be served elsewhere than in prison. Some of the components involve restraints on liberty or freedom of movement; others are designed to provide recompense to victims or reparation for the wrong done; but each is calculated to lead to a greater protection of the public by reducing the likelihood of further offending.

This is where prison is at its least effective. Not only is it enormously expensive and de-grading to human dignity, but individual responsibility is eroded. Prisoners are not required to face up to the con-sequences of their actions, nor to compensate the victims. It is hardly surprising that despite the best efforts of the staff, most prisons are breeding grounds for further criminality, with a depressingly high proportion of inmates returning within a year or two of their release.

The White Paper has moved

away from the earlier suggestion of a new supervision and restriction order in favour of transforming probation orders into sentences of the court (currently they are used "instead of sentencing") with which means-related fines or communitybased penalties can be combined. In various forms these include compensation to victims, supervised tasks of service to the community, residence at a hostel or other approved place, prescribed activities at a day centre, or elsevices at a day centre at where, tracking an offender's whereabouts by constant con-

tact, and staying away from places such as football grounds or public houses where previous offences have been committed. With an offender's consent, a probation order may include a condition of treatment for sub-stance abuse. Assisted by social inquiry reports, the courts will choose packages tailored to the circumstances of each individual offender. More demanding

The Government has got round the awkward corner of electronic tagging with some skill. Curfew orders, confining people to their homes at certain times, depend on electronic monitoring for their enforcement. Although the current experiments may well make the practice of tagging irrelevant, ministers have circumvented the rooted opposition of probation officers by proposing that the courts should have power to make curiew orders either as a condition of bail or as a penalty following conviction. These would be separate from the other orders, although they could run concurrently, and so could be supervised by an agency apart from the probation service.

Taken as a whole, the White Paper is to be welcomed as maintaining the thrust of punishment in the community,

supervision by the probation point in penal policy, taking it service will be required than at

of attracting support from sentencers and the wider public. The sensible and timely reforms recommended by Lord Carlisle's committee on the working of parole in England and Wales (Scotland had its own review) are generally accepted, although there is some tinkering with the threshold beyond which a selective parole system would operate. There is also a signifi-cant reservation whereby the Home Secretary would retain the final say on the release on licence of all prisoners sentenced to seven years or more. For presentational purposes the tone of this part of the White Paper seems keen to categorize the Carlisle recommendations as consistent with the tougher, rather than the constructive, of the two approaches which signify the Government's twin-track policy on crime. More neutral wording would have been closer

to the spirit of a notable report.

The iron hand in the velvet glove shows most clearly in the unexpected proposal allowing the crown courts to give custodial sentences longer than would be justified by the circum. stances of the offence to persistent violent and sexual offenders if this is considered necessary to

protect the public. Although evidently intended as a makeweight for the extension of statutory restraints on the use of custody and the reduction of maximum sentences for their and non-domestic burglary, the idea of "topping up" sentences is likely to prove controversial if the maximum penalties are regarded as being too low, Par-liament should be invited to increase them. Where aggravating factors mark the most serions incidents, the courts will sentence near the maximum, subject to appeal by either side.
Adding a surcharge, in order to keep persistent offenders in custody for longer than their crime warrants, barks back to the days of preventive detention, and is out of step with the "just deserts" (or retributive) theme declared at the start of the White Lord Windlesham, Principal of

Brasenose College, Oxford, is a former chairman of the Parole Board.

Power-sharing—a calculated gamble

ow many more head-lines will be written and read about Gorbachov's calls for the total overhaul of the Soviet Union? First it was the economy, then the political structure. This week the Communist Party has been added to the list of the institutions for which perestroika has become a life-or-death imperative.
Gorbachov's proposals to re-

assert the authority of the Soviet Communist Party, with their apparent recognition that the party will eventually have to compete for power alongside other parties, have been widely assessed as a desperate gamble to keep the party within reach of power. Boris Yeltsin, one of the leaders of radical opinion in the party, has described this new platform as the party's last chance. Looking at the fate of communist parties throughout Eastern Europe, it is hard to see how Gorbachov can succeed where so many have failed. Looking at the fate of reform in other areas of Soviet life can only reinforce that view. Perestroika is about to enter

its sixth year, and the material and political state of the Soviet capital testifies to the minimal progress made in every area. Even the proceedings of the Congress of People's Deputies, of whom two-thirds are directly elected, had lost their excitement by the second session in December. There can be little hope that the Communist Party will prove any more amenable to revitalizing itself.

Whether it can hang on to power, however, and if so for how long, is a slightly different question, and one which communist reformers and traditionalists alike hope can be answered in the affirmative.

One of their arguments, which is particularly attractive to the traditionalists but is advanced also by others, is the special place the Communist Party still occu-pies in Soviet life by virtue of its historical role. The Soviet Communist Party, unlike those in Eastern Europe, is not identified with foreign domination, nor until recently - with a decline in living standards.

It is held responsible for turning imperial Russia into a pioneering revolutionary state; to many Russians, it enabled a hitherto backward country to promote itself to to the advance guard of history, however much ground it has subsequently lost. The abandonment of Communist Party rule seems tantamount to declaring the revolution and all that has happened in the past 70 years no more than

A second argument, favoured by reformists, is that the party has recognized the need for change in time and can avoid the error of naif-measures by accepting the inevitability of a multiparty system at the outset.

They believe that, given the special place of the Communist Party in Soviet history, it can only be strengthened by com-



Despite Gorbachov's continuing popularity, Mary Dejevsky sees little chance of the communists

surviving in a multi-party system

petition; it will retain its pre-eminence so long as it turns itself into a political party on some illdefined Western, perhaps vaguely social democratic, model. This is what the newly established party faction, the Democratic Platform, is aiming to do, and Gorbachov seems to have adopted several of its ideas.

The third argument, advanced by both sides, is that opposition groups are not ready to compete with the Communist Party, so that for the foreseeable future there will be no realistic alternative. While this may not hold for some of the Soviet republics – where nationalist organizations have presented an attractive alternative - it is probably

true in the Russian federation and some other areas. The unreadiness of the opposition, however, did not prevent the overthrow of the Communist Party in Romania; nor did it retard the decline of communist power anywhere else in Eastern Europe. It is possible to argue, on the contrary, that the more mature the opposition forces, the

Although Soviet communists are justified in drawing distinctions between their own position and that of communists in Eastern Europe, there are two factors which make it none the

more inclined they are to com-

promise and so help to keep the

communists at least partially in

less likely that they will share their fate, sooner rather than later. One is the level of popular resentment against the country's current rulers. Many Soviet communists - and participants at the Central Committee plenum were no exception - try to distinguish between the upright leaders who have only the wellbeing of the people at heart and the selfish apparatus dominated by corrupt careerists who ob-

umerous recent exampies, from the placards brandished at Sunday's demonstration in Moscow to the en bloc removal of regional party committees in Volgograd and several other major population centres, demonstrate, however, that the Soviet public makes little attempt to distinguish between the apparatus and the leaders. It sees them all as privileged fat cats who have lapped up all the cream and left only the dregs for the ordinary people. The nationwide eco-nomic difficulties which have led to the rationing of basic foodstuffs in some areas only exacerbate the widespread feel-

ing of "them and us". The only party figures to be excepted from the general oppro-brium are Boris Yeltsin, whose political programme includes a denunciation of party privileges, and, occasionally, Gorbachov,

who is commonly regarded as having a difficult job and need-

The second reason why the Soviet Communist Party's power is probably in irreversible decline is the impact of events in Eastern Europe; this can hardly be exaggerated. The Soviet media took the decision, which was not reversed by the authorities, to call the Romanian uprising a revolution and the late President Ceausescu a dictator.

Revolution is an emotive word in the Soviet Union; it bestows immediate approval on the outcome of events and on the perpetrators. The difficulty for the Soviet leadership is that people remember, and their memory does not have to reach very far back to see pictures of Gorbachov and other Soviet leaders consorting with Romania's erstwhile "dictator".

Romania offered a particular example of how a dictatorial communist leadership can be overthrown, but it is less the particular example that has made such an impression in the Soviet Union as the general lesson drawn from Eastern Europe. This has taught that one way or another, by mass demonstration, by stealth or by violence, a self-appointed communist leadership can be re-Even last year there was a

fatalism among many Soviet people who accepted the party as a necessary, because immovable, evil. There were also vestiges of fear - fear of retribution if opposition failed and fear of the unknown if it were to succeed. The people of the Soviet Union may have been painfully slow to embrace perestroika, but their fatalism and their fear are vanishing fast.

Peter Stothard

Alien finger on the pulse

Washington ichard Wirthlin is a devout Mormon, a devoted Reagan and a friend of Kenneth

Baker, the Conservative party chairman. His Wirthlin Group, whose client list includes Quaker Oats and General Motors, as well as Reagan and the Republican Party, is one of America's top companies in the business of reading the public mind. The group is now getting to

know a new client: Mrs Thatcher. Just before Christmas, in a mass of otherwise routine personal announcements, Baker appointed Dr Wirthlin as a parttime adviser to the Conservative Party. His "vast experience in the field of polling and opinion research" could be invaluable, ran the press release.

Wirthlin is, indeed, a remarkable catch. For two decades he spent millions of hard-raised Republican dollars on providing Reagan with the most sophisticated political listening post in the world. Every month his team in Utah telephoned thousands of Americans to ask their views of White House policy. Each survey generated hundreds of computerized charts and tables.

The vast scale of the operation is a closely guarded secret. Some of the results, particularly details of extensive work on Mrs Reagan, were shown only to the President himself. Other studies were kept to a close circle and

used to undermine outsiders. The moderate James Baker, then Secretary of the Treasury, made great use of the work in his struggle with the hardline Alexander Haig, Reagan's Secretary of State. The studies on the Soviet threat and tax cuts were of immense use to Reagan in appealing to the people over the heads of Congress.

In addition to traditional polling, Wirthlin explored the public psyche by wiring up selected audiences for speeches and political broadcasts; the performing politician then watched his efforts on a video recorder, his image superimposed by a graph showing the response to his power phrases". Patriotism: up. Tax reform: down. And so on.

Wirthlin is about to bring his well-tried weaponry to Britain. He lists the skills of his company in his current brochure as "launching new products or repositioning existing ones". "resolving public affairs crises" and "winning elective office". Kenneth Baker's job could hardly be better defined.

The inner circles of British Conservative politics are, however, not easy for the outsider to penetrate, its paths no less snakeinfested than those of the White House. "When Richard Wirthlin speaks, I listen," Reagan once said. The two men enjoyed milkand-biscuit sessions overlooking the Pacific ocean. How he will get on over scotch and water in Downing Street is the subject of jealous speculation. Senior ministers who survived

the back-stabbing quarrels between rival advertising agents and polisters before the last

election have vowed that "Black Thursday", the day when the Tory campaign almost collapsed through internal dissent between Lord Young and Norman Tebbit, should never be repeated. Baker has recently assembled a team of top media rivals, including Tim Bell, Sir Gordon Reece, John Banks, Robin Wight and Michael Peters, who are intended to meet him regularly for the next two years to review research and plan party presentation.

Saatchi & Saatchi, whose corporate ego suffered perhaps the iggest bruising in the 1988 campaign, have left the political stage. Wirthlin should be stepping on it to a harmonious refrain of welcome. At the first meeting of the new group. however, there was no mention of what he was going to do. There is clearly a certain antipathy to the arrival of a Reaganite ideologue, particularly one whose career has been built on an exclusive partnership with his

political master. As for wiring up audiences for party political broadcasts, Brit-ish critics say the graph on the screen may tell you what the voters are feeling, but not how they are going to vote. The standard London view is that much of the Republican polling. money might as well have been poured down the drain.

ut secret information, even if it is faulty informa-tion, provides power. Don Regan, President Reagan's disas-trous second-term chief of staff, loved the exclusivity of the Wirthlin reports. Tebbit loved those from the Saatchis. Before Black Thursday", Mrs Thatcher received reports on all her ministers from research that was supposed to be kept from Tebbit

Today, a ministerial group headed by Douglas Hurd and including Chris Patten and David Mellor is reviewing re-search on the alarming drift of women away from the Tory party. Who else is on the receiving list for this expensive material - and who is off it? Not even the recipients always know.

Wirthlin will find no difficulty in adapting to the British political landscape when he makes his next visit in a few weeks' time. But he may not easily find himself a place in it.

His friends say that since losing his place in the White House he has been more ready to take risks. He backed a loser when he advised the chaotic 1988 presidential campaign of Senator Bob Dole. He has lost the title of unchallenged leader of his profession to Robert Teeter, President Bush's man. -

He will certainly be conscious of the need to learn his Labour opponents' weaknesses: "almost always a dollar or a vote a gained at the competitor's pense," he writes in his lates. brochure. But influence has to be won at the expense of compet itors on one's own side - and the rivals for Mrs Thatcher's car ait well dug in.

Oh no! A tiny crack has appeared in my schedule, so I'm clambering through it and going away. This is a mistake. Not a tiny crack of a mistake, but a huge canyon of a mistake. Every single meeting I might have needed over the coming four years has been stuck in next week's diary as revenge.

I am only going for six days. Nevertheless, my dentist is being squeezed in, and the accountants want to present accounts. I must travel by train the length and breadth of Britain for a day on behalf of Comic Relief. Come on! Something must be done about the homeless before it's too late and they all find homes.

Stick it in the diary. Oh, and Time Out wants a new photograph of me. The last one must have fallen off their dartboard. Arena is making an in-depth documentary on Frankie Howerd and wants to discuss the nature of

comedic development in the immediate post-war period with specific reference to the Goons and the satire boom. (Well, we can chuck that one out.) I have to arrange something coy for Valentine's day, because I always do

and the more feeble the habit the less easy it is to break. Ron Devillier is presenting at 12 o'clock sharp and I simply must hear him, mustn't I? We must discuss the television series, only eight months away, which is bearing down upon us with the velocity of a river of lard. I'm in a play every night except Sunday, twice on Wednesdays and Saturdays. And why do I always get

the wet tray in the canteen?

OK. I'll stay at home. With so much to amuse me here, what can the Caribbean offer by comparison? It's a ghastly prospect anyway: lying on a beach and trying hard to do nothing; feverishly desperate to wring some instant fun out of six days in the tropics. And think of the cost of going primitive! To lie in rags beneath a banyan tree eating fruit and nuts and doing bugger all needs serious dosh. Put in some more meetings and a couple of voice overs, quick, so we can pay for it all. It must be stress. I lay in my study for a week reading The Times' survey on healthy living

and worrying myself silly. Apparently it's all down to attitude.



GRIFF RHYS JONES

Either you let these things get to you, drive you up the wall, frustrate and depress you and stick you in an early grave, or you don't. It's entirely up to you.

Stress-free persons chortle

Stressful? Just don't wind me up denly drops to a freezing trickle and leaves them up to the neck in soap. When they get stuck in a traffic jam six miles from the theatre and five minutes before opening they smile indulgently and stick James Taylor on the stereo. Should little boys ring their Entryphone every Saturday afternoon and yell obsceniues, the laid-back and healthy shakes his head and grins before joyfully returning to squeeze out the mattress the two-year-old has just had an upset into. They love meetings. Or maybe not.

Mind you, the Times questionnaire set the brain humming.
"Do you fiddle with your hair,

course I fiddle with my hair; what tusiness is it of yours? I have a very good reason for doing so. When I stopped going to the barber some years ago, for reasons which escape me, I started cutting my own hair and found it convenient to twirl up long bits on the top of my head for trimming at a later date. This is not a sign of incipient madness but of parsimonious desperation. I certainly do not bite my fingernails. Having had an immature yen to be a guitar giant, I stopped chewing the hoof when I was 15. In fact I now have splendid fingernails, their length and curliness much commented

on by people in trains. So what? And while I'm about it, let me assure you that there is nothing queer about talking to oneself. "Muttering", my wife calls it. Muttering is a useful way of aining grievances and gaining perspec-tive, and I don't care if it does frighten the lady in the paper shop. Along with pacing about becoming excessively morose and jumping up and down in rage on the pavement, it is quite normal and, anyway, amuses any child-

So at least it's not stress. "Do you suffer from the delusion that people are ganging up on you?

That is one thing I am not deluded about. People do gang up on me, and they know they do. When I am fully rested after my six days by the Caribbean I shall have plenty of meetings to see if I can do something about them. So watch out, OK?

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CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

The Government's White Paper on Crime, Justice and Protecting the Public represents a fundamental shift in the way offenders are dealt with in England and Wales. It embodies the belief that "punishment can effectively denounce criminal behaviour and exact retribution for it." From this flows the concept of just deserts, a new legislative framework for sentencing, based on the seriousness of the

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Until now, the emphasis has been very different. The White Paper will modify a philosophy which has its roots in the 19th century, or even earlier, and which has emphasized the importance of apportioning penalties not according to the offence but according to the offender. This provided fertile soil for the basic reforming aims of the prison service and client-oriented approach of probation officers.

The White Paper rightly proposes new powers for the Crown Court to impose longer sentences for violent and sexual offences. But the Government intends that non-violent offenders should be punished in the commuinity by tough and demanding non-custodial sentences. The curfew would be one of them, but it would not need to stop them from working. If electronic monitoring worked properly it would "overcome most difficulties about enforcing curfew orders."

The tough treatment extends to feckless parents who will be brought to heel by courts in dealing with young people. Courts will have to take account of parents' means in requiring them to pay fines for their children; and courts will have to consider binding parents over to require them to take proper care and control of their children. It is, of course, right to hope that parents will bring up their children well and take responsibility for them, but there are doubts whether a requirement penalizing those who do not will have the success it deserves.

. A more clear-cut application of the principle of just deserts is in proposals to match fines to means. If the Government does decide to introduce such a system, it would avoid the injustice of poor offenders being hit harder than rich for similar offences.

The belief that more offenders can be treated in the community by a more imaginative use of fines and by other penalties providing some restriction of liberty reflects a wish, held by all recent governments, to reduce the prison population. Overcrowding, with an ever present possibility of disturbance, has long been an ominous backdrop to policy making.

The weakness of changes to the parole system proposed in the White Paper is that with prisoners serving at least half of their sentence, they would be likely to increase the prison population.

The aim of the parole proposals is the admirable one of ensuring that the time spent in custody should be closer to the sentence ordered by the courts, so restoring greater credibility to them. Given the range of punishments in the community to be made available, the Government must hope courts will use them with the effect of further reducing the prison population, which has already fallen by 2,542 in the last year to 46,557.

The White Paper wisely sees no need for a much canvassed Sentencing Council to develop sentencing policies or guidance. Though innocuous sounding, any influence that might threaten the independence of the judiciary, a safeguard of basic freedoms, is potentially dangerous.

The Government's package has more of an Old Testament flavour than a New. Yet it is not a liking for retribution nor the penalizing of parents which has reduced dramatically the number of juveniles aged under 17 given custodial sentences - a fall of more than 50 per cent since 1981. That has more to do with welldevised alternative treatment in the community and tighter statutory restrictions governing the use of custody.

The Government's proposals provide a new sense of purpose to the penal system. But if the pendulum of penological fashion is not to swing too fast and too far, it would also be wise not to neglect too much the emphasis on the offender which has provided a sense of reforming moral purpose in the last 100 or

DR KOHL'S BOMBSHELL

The Foreign Secretary endorsed German unification in Bonn yesterday, in a speech which emphasized the need for "reasonable periods of transition". The contrast between Mr Hurd's cautious tone and the heady pace of German domestic politics was underlined only a few hours later when the West German Chancellor announced that his Government is to open "immediate negotiations" with East. Germany on a currency union coupled with economic reforms.

The Chancellor, supported by both his finance and economic ministers, now sees the introduction of the Deutschmark as a "parallel currency" in East Germany as the quickest way to help the East German economy and to stem the exodus to the West of "resettlers". Today. the West German Cabinet will meet to draw up a schedule for unification in every sphere

except defence. The decision illustrates the degree to which political pressures in both Germanies are forcing aside councils of prudence at home and abroad. The Chancellor has put the Government on collision course with Dr Karl Otto Pohl, the president of the Bundesbank, West

Germany's independent central bank. Dr Pobl believes it to be "an illusion" that any of East Germany's problems would be solved either by fullblown monetary union or by the "parallel currency" formula. Yesterday morning he and his East German counterpart emerged from a meeting in East Berlin agreeing 'that the idea was "fantastic": a dismissal not to be taken lightly, since the Bundesbank would have to administer the scheme. In the view of both central bankers, the priorities for East Germany are tax, banking and far-reaching

economic reforms. The currency issue is profoundly emotive. The Western allies' introduction of a common currency countered by the Soviet Union's

decision to issue a separate currency, was the catalyst for the division of Germany. It is now seen by many Germans as an obstacle to unity. Chancellor Kohl's offer of talks will be popular with his electorate. It will also be welcomed by some businessmen: Herr Tyll Necker, the president of the Federation of West German Industry, put forward his own four-point plan last month for East-West monetary union by the end of 1992.

In the short term, monetary union would ease supply problems in East Germany and force its companies to compete. But the corollary would be that many enterprises would be forced to close and their workers' savings would be almost wiped out by true convertibility. Maily of the opposition etc in East Germany are even less convinced than Herr Modrow's Government of the virtues of the market economy. It is probable that even after a new government is formed after the March elections, monetary union at the pace now envisaged in Bonn would be unmatched by economic reforms.

The central argument - whether economic stability is a precondition, or a consequence, of economic convergence - echoes those over European Monetary Union. The Bundesbank aiready had some reservations about the implications of EMU for the stability of the Deutschmark. It has now been issued the challenge of exporting sound monetary policies east, which for all its independent status will be hard to resist.

It seems improbable that a West German Government could now agree to EMU without including East Germany. Chancellor Kohl may not yet have moved the future frontier of the Community eastward; but his decision yesterday shortened the definition of what period of transition might be "reasonable".

THE INSPECTOR CALLS

Mr Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, thinks the education system is in "serious crisis". Mr John MacGregor, the man he would like to replace on the bed of nails at the Department of Education and Science, believes that progress is being made, and that much of it is attributable to the Government's educational reforms. Both men were responding to the latest annual report from Her Majesty's Senior Chief Inspector of Schools, Mr Eric Bolton. Selectively read, it could be used to support either contention.

The overall picture painted by the inspectorate is of a service in which most of what is done "is of reasonable quality or better", but variation in standards of work is a continuing worry. Across schools and colleges, between 70 and 80 per cent of the work seen was judged to be satisfactory or better. That, however, is another way of saying that some 30 per cent of what HMI saw in schools was "poor or very poor", and serious problems were identified of low and under-achievement, of poor teaching

and of inadequate provision. It is an austere document, and the light which its 21 unadorned pages cast on some areas of the education service is bleak. Problems of teacher supply are described as "complex and worsening". One inner London borough is cited as already employing 86 probationers and 60 teachers from overseas (some of them unqualified), as well as covering 140 permanent and 30 temporary vacancies. Two areas of particular difficulty are identified

providing primary teachers with the confidence and skill to cover technology, and finding sufficient secondary teachers of mod-

Mr Bolton believes it is unlikely that the em languages. current public debate about teacher supply will point the way to easy or quick solutions, but advances a number of specific suggestions. One is that local education authorities should

urgently review their teacher-advisory services to determine whether the large increase in their numbers can be justified at a time of difficulty like the present.

The report also has sensible things to say about attracting and keeping sufficient numbers of suitably qualified and experienced teachers, and urges that the service should not be restricted to "a few somewhat inflexible routes into teaching". The undergraduate and postgraduate routes already exist. The licensed teacher route is as yet untried, and this year will see the introduction of the articled teacher scheme. Mr Bolton points out that there may turn out to be one crucial difference between the past and the present. There are now national, statutory requirements about the curriculum for all pupils during their com-pulsory schooling — "perhaps that will concentrate minds on reducing teacher shortages and minimizing recruitment difficulties".

The report, which occasioned heated exchanges yesterday between Mr Kinnock and the Prime Minister, coincides with a poll finding that more than nine out of 10 teachers approve of the recent educational reforms. That is good news for the Government. Much less cheering is the finding that one in three teachers would leave the profession immediately if they could.

There is clearly a good deal of dissatisfaction - with the quality of books and equipment, with the condition of school buildings, with the size of classes. There is also still a widespread feeling in the profession that their salaries are inadequate. The underlying issue, however, is the matter of how the profession is regarded. Education is a matter of national concern. By moving closer to the aspirations of teachers in the matter of pay and status, the Government will underwrite the success of its reform programme.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

and targets

THE TIMES WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7 1990

From Professor A. C. Renfrew, FBA, and others

Sir, A recent letter to you (January 31) has already drawn attention to the lower value of maintenance awards in the humanities compared with those in other fields.

The President of the British Academy (which administers the postgraduate student scheme on behalf of the Department of Education and Science) wrote in October last to the secretary of state for education to draw his attention to the severe reduction in postgraduate students for the current academic year, from the base figure of 870 in previous years to 760 new awards.

At a time when the Government speaks of increasing student numbers and urges more efficient use of resources, it is extremely wasteful not to use the facilities which currently exist in the universities in the humanities. Where are the educational values which the secretary of state, in other contexts, has been advocating?

Unplanned, unannounced cuts of this kind severely damage important research schools of international repute, and the Government's own reputation for caring for higher education. Will the secretary of state not re-consider the whole matter and make a public announcement? Yours sincerely, COLIN RENFREW

(Department of Archaeology, Cambridge University), DEREK BREWER (Faculty of English, Cambridge University, BARRY CUNLIFFE (Institute of Archaeology, Oxford University), NORMAN STONE (Faculty of Modern History, Oxford University), Downing Street, Cambridge. February 2.

From Dr Peter V. Jones Sir, It is gratifying to learn (report, January 26) that the secretary of state for education has finally agreed that the National Curriculum as presently constituted does pose a threat to classics (and all other minority subjects) and that he is willing to endorse the principle of flexibility within the National Curriculum structure. Minute as the room for manoeuvre

still is, principles are important. We must now work to establish a second principle: that attainment in a subject does not depend upon a particular curriculum structure. If the secretary of state can be persuaded to concentrate on what children should attain in any subject, not when and how they should attain it, he stands a chance of developing a system which can both deliver high standards and remain true to Tory principles of freedom and choice.

It is a big fence for him to jump: perhaps Mrs Thatcher, with her robust common sense, can help him over it. Yours etc.

PETER V. JONES, University of Newcastle upon Tyne. Department of Classics, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU.

Child witnesses

From Professor G. M. Davies Sir, Alex Sutherland paints an over-pessimistic picture of the competence of child witnesses (Wednesday Page, January 31). After the initial difficulties she describes, the video-link is now being used in 14 centres throughout England and Wales and is to be extended to another seven to provide a comprehensive geographical coverage. An analysis of the first 106 cases to come before the courts showed that the accused chose to plead guilty prior to the start of trial on 42 per cent of occasions, graphic evidence of the truth of the young witnesses' allegations.

Video-links, however, can do little for those below seven years whose evidence is currently ex-

From Mr N. J. Fagan Sir, I was recently given an 80z box of delicious chocolates from Chicago, Illinois, called "Fannie May Kitchen Fresh Candies". On the bottom of the relatively small

Ingredients: Chocolate, Sugar, Corn Syrup, Cream, Butter, Coconnt (Contains Sodium Metabisulfite, Retains Coconut Whiteness), Con-Retains Coonit within Sugar, Palm Kernel Oil, Non Fat Milk, Butterfat, Hydrogenated Palm Oil, Lecithin (an Emulsifier), Certified Color, Vanillin and Other Artificial Flavors), Invert Sugar, Brown Sugar, Almonds, English Walnuts, Sweet-ened Condensed Whole Milk, Parially Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil (May Contain One or More of the Following: Soybean, Cottonseed, Palm), Black Walnuts, Dextrose,

Museum charges

From Dr Thomas Wright Sir, The comments made by John the Science Museum may aspire to be an "attractive popular exhibition" it must not be forgotten without parallel in its sphere.

The works of Trevithick, Parsons, the Stephensons, Cockerell, Whittle, Gresley, Fox Talbot, Babbage, Bessemer, Cockroft and Walton, R. J. Mitchell, Crick and Watson stand beside the products of Rolls-Royce, Boulton & Watt, Henry Maudslay, Vickers and Marconi.

This vast body of material

Education values Preparing the Army of tomorrow

From Major General J. M.

Strawson Sir, That the regular part of the British Army will be reduced in size now seems certain. There are among others four things that those in charge should try to bring about. They are:

1. The creation of a Territorial Army (if necessary using dis-banded regular regiments) so excellent that everyone will want to belong to it and there will be waiting lists. With a large regular cadre, at least squadron/company strength, for each battation-sized unit, first class equipment (from disbanded regular units), exciting training, particularly overseas, and a world-wide emergency role - it could become a Reserve to be

reckoned with. The regular Army, whether at home or overseas, must acquire a flexibility of capability and role (this means equipment too) that will allow all regiments - whether armoured, artillery, engineer, infantry, transport etc. - to go anywhere and do anything in cooperation with the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force to fulfil roles of peacekeeping, UN duties, disaster aid, internal security.

3. Training of the regular Army (and reserves) must be so exciting and demanding that it beats anything yet thought of by John Blashford-Snell or Tim Severin, and when possible must involve helping with problems of environment and natural disaster.

Those places overseas where we still have responsibilities - Hong Kong, Brunei, Cyprus, Gibraltar, Belize, the Falklands, etc. - must, to those countries' benefit as well as ours, be utilized to the utmost. And all Commonwealth countries must be offered training assistance in return for training and exchange facilities.

Last year you were good enough to publish a letter of mine deploring the reduction of Gibraltar's garrison — perhaps now, with a shortage of places to go, this decision may be reversed.

If these things are done, the British Army, both regular and

Watchdog on health From Dr Paul Walker

in describing the role of the NHS Health Advisory Service in checking on health care for the elderly and the mentally ill, including drug misusers, points out that the service does not include within its remit certain other groups of disadvantaged patients, notably

the younger physically disabled. It is my personal view, shared by colleagues in the field, that the younger physically disabled of all the so-called priority care groups have fared least well over the last 20 years. They comprise persons with a range of conditions, includ-

nursing home accommodation

cluded from the courtroom. Only the admission of taped evidence will enable them to testify. The legitimate concern for the defendant can be accommodated by the proposal of the Pigot committee for a second taped interview to be admitted, at which the defence

could put searching questions to the child. Children, like adults, can tell untruths. However, such occasional failings - unlike those of adults - are taken as an excuse for excluding children from the judicial system, rather than leaving the decision to the jury. This cannot be right.

Yours sincerely, GRAHAM DAVIES, Leicester University. Department of Psychology, Leicester LEI 7RH.

Candid candies

box appeared the following:

Letts (January 27) could lead to some misunderstanding. Though that the museum's collections are

represents both an immense scholarly resource and a monument to inventive genius. Our primary

Peanuts, Cherries, Raisins, Citrus Peel, Natural and Artificial Flavor, Egg Whites, Pecans, Salt, Straw-berry, Maple Sugar, Raspberry, Leci-thin (an Emulsifier), Molasses, Natural and Certified Colors Include FD & C Yellow No. 5, Vinegar, mono and Diglycerides, Baking Soda, Invertase, Sorbitol, TBHQ and Cirric Acid in Propylene Glycol and BHA and BHT in Com Oil and Briza and Briza in Color On Added to Retard Oxidation, Gelatin and Glycerin. Fruits May Contain Potassium Sorbate, Sodium Ben-zoate or Sorbic Acid to Preserve

Freshness.
Is this a record for "fresh candies"? Yours faithfully, N. J. FAGAN, Little Orchard. Farm Lane, Crondall. Nr Farnham,

role, like that of all great museums, is to ensure the well-being of our collections and nurture the scholarship that leads to their understanding. But we also have a duty to explain, and in a language that our public can understand.

THOMAS WRIGHT (Assistant Director (Collections)), The Science Museum, Exhibition Road, SW7. Јапиагу 30.

From Mrs P M Grayburn Sir, May I enter belatedly the debate about admission charges for museums as a result of a long weekend in Paris recently. It is possible to buy a ticket for one.

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reserve, and based as always on our priceless regimental system, will continue to be the finest in the

JOHN STRAWSON. The Old Rectory, Boyton, Warminster, Wiltshire.

From General Sir William

Jackson Sir, May I add three points to Henry Stanhope's thoughtful piece, "What role now for the Army?" (January 30).

First, may I suggest that we should remember that we have always made our way in the world by our astute and almost intuitive manipulation of balances of power. With the probable breakup of the present security framework we shall again need well balanced general-purpose forces that are sought by potential allies - and feared by opponents - not for their size but for the impact they can make upon future balances of power.

Secondly, and as far as the Army is concerned, it would pay us to look back for ideas to General Hans von Seeckt's organisation of the German 100,000-strong army of the 1920s, from which the Wehrmacht sprang so quickly and efficiently in the early 1930s.

We cannot foretell when we will need a large army again, but it is worth recalling that Napoleon, Stalin, and Hitler came to power in the wake of popular distillusion with the fruits of revolution. We need a von Seeckt-style of army as the basis for future expansion.

And thirdly, and above all, we must avoid the precedent of our own dark days of the 1920s when the Treasury-inspired "10-year rule" - the assumption that there would be no major war for 10 years - left us almost defenceless while von Seeckt's 100,000 became the Wehrmacht.

Yours faithfully, BILL JACKSON. West Stowell, Marlborough, Wiltshire. January 30.

provided by the statutory, voluntary, and private sectors. The creation of the Health

Sir, Professor Seager (January 23)

Advisory Service in the early 70s by Richard Crossman was a major landmark in improving the lot of several disadvantaged groups of patients, notably the elderly and the mentally ill. The mentally handicapped have their own advisory/inspection service - the National Development Team. Surely it is about time that

either the remit of the Health disabled, or, preferably, a new organisation was established to act as a watchdog specifically for this disadvantaged section of the arthritis, stroke, and victims of

major trauma. They are in the main neglected within the National Health Service, neglected in their homes, and often neglected in residential and

Norwich, Norfolk. Conditional truth From Dr John Doherty

Sir, When I was the medical superintendent of a hospital in the tropics I tried to give enquiring journalists a fair description of the condition of a young man who had been lost in dense jungle during the rainy season (letter, February 1). He had a chronic neurological disease, was suffering from exposure and had not eaten for several days. His skin was covered with

Advisory Service was extended to

include the younger physically

Yours sincerely.

PAUL WALKÉR

Yarmouth Road

(Director of Public Health),

Norwich Health Authority,

St Andrew's Hospital (North Side).

bites, sores, and leeches. I said that while his life was not in danger he was extremely uncomfortable. Newspapers, tele-vision, and radio duly reported him as being "comfortable". Yours faithfully. JOHN DOHERTY, Via Cleante 13, Casal Palocco, Rome 00124, Italy.

A taxing question

From Mr John Bratby, RA Sir, Just before Christmas I went completely blind in one eye and had an operation on both, costing £2,000, and its results are as yet uncertain. I cannot paint.

argue that an artist's optic is an instrument of his profession, a tool of his trade.

I have claimed the cost of eyeball repair against income tax, though I doub, if the taxman will

The Greek philosophers would

agree with the philosophers of Athens. Yours sincerely JOHN BRATBY, Hotel Lancaster, 7 rue de Berry,

Champs Elysées, 75008 Paris, France. February 5.

mate charge of £5.50, £10, or £15, which admits to 62 museums and monuments in Paris and the Ile de Surely something similar for

three, or five days for an approxi-

visitors to London would be an excellent source of revenue, and a scheme could be devised for sharing the proceeds amongst participating institutions. We had excellent value from

our three-day ticket, also, incidentally from a three-day firstclass travel pass valid for all rail, bus, and metro journeys - even the Montmartre funicular! Yours sincerely. PATRICIA GRAYBURN (Arts Administrator), University of Surrey Arts

Committee.

January 25.

Guildford, Surrey.

Governors' view of Harrow's hill

From the Clerk to the Governors of

Sir, Save Britain's Heritage is a concern with which Harrow School shares many common aims. Nevertheless, the eminent authors of yesterday's letter would appear not to know that:

1. The school governors do not plan any development on the open slope beneath the parish church. 2. The inspector appointed by the secretary of state for the environment to hear the appeal found that the theatre would not significantly detract from the important views of the church.

3. The need for a theatre amenity

to enhance the school's educational facilities has not been disputed and the inspector found that the proposed theatre "would be a worthy addition to (the school's) stock of fine buildings." 4. The new housing was generally acknowledged at the enquiry to be well designed and, in the inspec-tor's view, the layout of the development was such as to allow the openness of the fields to penetrate the site and to preserve the character and function of the site as a transitional area between the open fields and the buildings

in West Street. 5. The scheme was supported by the professional officers of the local council and the appeal was allowed, not on the grounds of housing gain, but on the grounds that the development would pre-serve and enhance the character and appearance of the conservation areas of which the site forms

The governors are keenly aware of their responsibilities for stewardship. These responsibilities are not only to conserve the good but also to manage the changes im-posed on them by the requirement of their primary duty, the pro-vision of first class education, with sensitivity and imagination. The inspector found that the development achieved this and his report was subsequently described by the High Court judge reviewing

his decision as "immaculate".
Yours faithfully,
ANDREW STEBBINGS, Clerk to the Governors. Harrow School, 1 High Street, Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex. February 6.

Identity cards

From Mrs Christopher Ross Sir, When paying by cheque for goods totalling more than £50 in a shop or supermarket, one is asked for the cheque guarantee card and further identification. Occasions when one needs to prove one's identity are mounting. Most retailers accept a driver's licence with name, address and signature or a rail card with photograph and

But how many, particularly rural people, have no need of a rail card, do not drive, have no savings bank account? Lack of any of these invites a wait at the till for the manager and speculation, or

worse, in the eyes of onlookers. My Belgian and French cousins, with personal identity cards, live lives as full of civil liberties as mine is. It is said that the English would never agree to a personal identity card and that the Government that introduces it commits political suicide. With December 31, 1992, fast approaching, has the time come to establish if this is true?

Yours faithfully, FIONA ROSS, Nr Salisbury, Wiltshire. February 5.

Victims' rights

From Mr T. R. Hearn Sir, The series of new rights for victims of crime, outlined in the Home Secretary's proposed charter (report, January 16), are wel-come, but will be worthless unless the necessary resources are pro-

vided to implement them. When I was 58 I was mugged, robbed and repeatedly stabbed whilst walking in south London. On medical and police advice I made a formal claim to the Criminal Injuries Compensation

Board. I am now 60, and so far, I have received no more than a formal acknowledgement, giving me a reference number and stating that their resources are so stretched that any enquiry about the progress of the case "simply causes further delay".

As Lord Hailsham said in the House of Lords on January 16 in the debate on the Courts and Legal Services Bill:

People have not begun to appreciate the additional resources needed to implement the changes.

Yours faithfully, THOMAS HEARN,

48 Alleyn Road, Dulwich, SE21.

Grave goods From Mrs Beatrice E. Skinner Sir, I have received advice from a life assurance society on the advantages of taking out a funeral

cover plan. I am also offered free gifts of a clock radio, cordless telephone, or rechargeable torch.

Can I take them with me? And which should I choose? Yours faithfully, BEATRICE E. SKINNER. 31 Bingham Avenue,

Poole, Dorset.



Gardens and the Friends of the

Earth Trust.
Commander Richard Aylard,

RN, and Mr Philip Mackie were

visited the Oxford Regional

Alcoholism Unit at the Warneford Hospital, Head-

Headington, Oxford.
Finally Her Royal Highness,
Patron, Relate National Mar-

riage Guidance, visited the Charity's Oxford Offices at 33 Iffley Road, Oxford.

The Princess of Wales was received by Lieutenant-Colonel

Robert Heywood-Lonsdale (Vice-Lord-Lieutenant of

xiordamre). Miss Alexandra Loyd and

Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, were in

of The Crown Prince of Nepal at

12 A Kensington Palace Gardens, London, W8.

ST JAMES'S PALACE February 6: The Duke of Kent

Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this evening gave a Reception at York House for Members of the

Committee of the Opportunity

Japan Campaign.

Mr Andrew Palmer was in

COURT CIRCULAR

February 6: The Duchess of York, Patron of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, this morning received the Director (Mr Peter Cardy) and members of the Research Advisory Panel at Buckingham Palace.

The Prince Edward arrived

at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning from Sydney,

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer and Mr Geoffrey Crawford were in attendance. This morning The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, opened the Better Made in Britain "Challenge Day" at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Contra Wastenington London Centre, Westminster, London

Highness attended the Waitangi Day Service at Westminster Abbey.

Abbey.
Afterwards The Princess
Royal, President, Save the
Children Fund, visited the
Vietnamese Refugee Children
Project at 26 Hanslar Grove,
East Molesey and 113 Queen's
Road, Teddington, Middlesex.
Her Royal Highness then
attended a Reception at Hampton Court House, The Green,
East Molesey.

East Molescy.
In the evening The Princess
Royal, President, Save the
Children Fund, attended a
Reception and Awards Dinner Lancaster Terrace, London W2.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 6: The Prince of Wales gave a lecture on the Rain forests, at Kew Gardens, co-hosted by the Royal Botanic

Royal Society of St George The Lord Mayor and Lady

of the society. Mr John Minshull-Fogg, chairman, pre-

Ministun-rogg, Chairman, pre-sided. The Lord Mayor, Major-General Christopher Tyler, Resident Governor and Keeper of the Jewel House, HM Tower

of London, Sir Colin Cole, Garter Principal King of Arms, and the Rev Basil Watson also

spoke. Among others present

Royal Pharmaceutical Society Mrs Marion Rawlings, President of the Royal Pharmaceuti-

cal Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last

night a 1 Lambeth High Street. Professor Dame Rosalinde Hur-

ley, Chairman of the Medicines

Commission, also spoke.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Saint Thomas More.

humanist and statesman, chan-cellor 1529-32, London, 1478;

Phillipe Buache, geographer,

Paris, 1700; Charles Dickens, Portsmouth, 1812; Sir William

bosch. Cape Colony, 1959.

Latest appointments include:

to be a Justice of the High Court.

assigned to the Queen's Bench Division.

Jean Caines to be Director of

Trade and Industry, in succes-

sion to Adrian Moorey, who has

moved to a similar post at the Home Office.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Laurence

Ansuce Pavitt will be held at

noon, on Thursday, February 15, 1990, in St Margaret's Church, Westminster, All are

Mr L. A. Pavitt

Information, Department of

Appointments

Dinners

Today's royal engagements

Mayoress of Westminster at-tended a dinner given by the Royal Society of St George at Dartmouth House last night to mark the anniversary of the Accession of The Queen, patron The Prince of Wales, as President of the Prince's Trust accompanied by the Princess of Wales, will attend a charity premiere of Steel Magnolias at the Odeon Cinema, Leicester Square, at 8.00 in aid of the trust The Princess of Wales, as Patron

of the Natural History Museum, will open the museum's activity centre at 11.00. The Princess Royal,

mandant-in-Chief of the St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend a reception for Grand Prior Cadets at Buckingham Palace at 6.00; and, as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will attend a reception and concert in aid of the college at the Banqueting House at 8.00.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the British Consultants Bureau, will open the Disaster Relief and Mitigation Conference at the Queen Eliza-beth II Conference Centre at

he Duke of Kent the annual dinner of the British Industrial Biological Research Association at the Royal College of Physicians at 6.20.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the International Social Service of Great Britain, will attend a planning meeting for the Spring Fair at Lancaster House at 10.50.

Luncheons

Huggins, astronomer, London, 1824; Sinclair Lewis, novelist, Lord Mellish Lord Mellish was host at a Nobel laureate 1930, Sauk Centre, Minnesota, 1885. luncheon of the House of Lords All-Party Building Industry
Group held yesterday at the
House of Lords. Mr Robert G.
Smith, President of the London
region of the Building Employ-DEATHS: James Stewart, 2nd Earl of Moray (the 'bonny earl'), murdered Donibristle, Fifeshire, 1592; William Boyce, ers Confederation, and Mr John organist and composer, London, 1779; Ann Raddiffe, novelist, London, 1823; Henry Neele, poet, committed suicide, London, 1828; Joseph Sheridan Parsons, Chairman of the BEC Economic and Public Affairs Group, were the speakers.

English-Speaking Union Le Fanu, novelist, Dublin, 1873; Mr David Hicks, Director-Gen-Adolphe Sax, inventor of the eral of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, and Mrs Valeric Mitchell, depsaxophone. Paris, 1894; Daniel Francois Malan, prime minister of South Africa 1948-54, Stellenuty director-general, received the guests at a literary luncheon held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Mr Denis Healey, CH, MP, was the guest of bonour and speaker. Mr Merlyn Rees, MP, governor, presided and the director general also spoke. Mr John Michael Wright, QC,

Service dinner

Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, attended a dinner held last night at the Naval and Military Club to mark the 225th anniversary (February 4) of the founding of the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785. Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt, chairman of the club, presided. Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, First Sea Lord, other members of the Admiralty Board and Captain Peter Fanshawe, retiring secretary, were present.

OBITUARIES

JOHN MERIVALE

Bringing poise and elegance to stage and screen roles

The actor John ("Jack") Merivale died in hospital yesterday, at the age of 72, of pneumonia, following a long illness brought about by hereditary renal failure.

Warneford Hospital, reacington, Oxford.
Subsequently Her Royal
Highness visited the Oxfam
Headquarters Office and Shop
at 274 Banbury Road, Oxford.
Afterwards The Princess of
Wales visited the Townsend
House Old People's Home, The son of the actor Philip Merivale and the actress Viva Birkett, he was born on December 1, 1917, and educated at Rugby and New College, Oxford.

Like his father, he came of a now rapidly vanishing line of gentlemen actors, much in demand on both sides of the Atlantic, to bring elegance and style to drawing-room com-edies and classic revivals, often dominated by strong leading ladies such as his own stepmother Dame Gladys

Merivale trained at the Old Vic School and then served throughout the war in both the RAF and the Royal Canadian Air Force, as a pilot with the 86th squadron.
In 1941 he married the

KENSINGTON PALACE February 6: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present at a dinner given by His bresent at a diffine given by his Excellency the Ambassador of Nepal (Major General Bharat Kesher Simha) and Madame Bharat Kesher Simha in honour actress Jan Sterling and made much of his early career in the United States, appearing in the Laurence Olivier-Vivien Leigh production of Romeo and Juliet, which ran briefly on Broadway in 1940, as well as such later and more successful New York stagings as the Cecil Beaton produc-tion of Lady Windermere's Fan in 1946, and the Rex Harrison Anne of a Thousand *Days* in 1948.

After his divorce from Jan Sterling in that year, Merivale returned to England, appearing in such long-running West End comedies as William Douglas-Home's The Reluctant Debutante (with Anna Massey) while also making a name for himself on screen, often as an officer and gentle-



With Anna Massey in The Reluctant Debutante (1935)

men of remarkably stiff upper tion and divorce from lip in such films as King Rat, Laurence Olivier, Merivale Arabesque and The List of began to live with Vivien Adrian Messenger.

gave one of his most memo-rable performances as the order to protect the actress not the Titanic, having seen his instincts, but also from an thing about Jack was that in family safely into the lifeboats. outside world which to her the worst of health he always At the time of her separa- had often began to seem retained the best of spirits."

Leigh, and spent the last ten In A Night to Remember he years of her life frequently husband who goes down with only from her own worst

impossible. Together they played in London and on a world tour in *Duel of Angels* (1958) and in John Gielgud's Broadway staging of Ivanov. (1965). It was Merivale who discovered Leigh's body when returning one night from a stage appearance in Guildford in 1967.

Two years later, while again appearing at the theatre in Guildford, Merivale was to meet the third actress in his life and the one who was to devote herself to him during his long later illness in precisely the same self-sacrificial way that he had devoted himself to Vivien Leigh: Dinah Sheridan.

He married her on May 29, 1986, but they had already been together for almost 20 years following her divorce from Sir John Davis of the Rank Organisation, and al-though Merivale's increasing physical fragility meant that they were all too seldom able to work together in public, they remained in private the most devoted and constant of

Jack, as he was always known to a hugely extended family of step children, friends and other relatives, was one of those men who exemplified the notion of grace under pressure, the pressure in his case being that of a painful and debilitating illness which had killed his father at 59, and for which he knew there was still no real cure despite the best medical attention in the

As Robert Morley, himself a distant relative by marriage, said last night, "The great thing about Jack was that in

PROFESSOR JOHN **DODGSON**

Fresh light on the etymologyof English place-names

The death of John Dodgson, at the age of 61, has robbed English place-name studies of one of its elder statesmen and one of its most outstanding scholars. In particular, the publication of his pioneering research on Anglo-Saxon place-names, in the 1960s, shed new light on the dating and status of such names, and challenged what had, to that point, been orthodoxy in such

A University College London man throughout his career, and a Fellow of the College, he began work on a survey of Cheshire, first as a research student, then as editor for the English Place-Name Society. His magnum opus is his Place-Names of Cheshire. The

first four volumes comprise over 1300 pages, the next two some 80 pages on Chester itself, together with an analy-sis of the place- and fieldname elements. As with all number of place-names is immense, field-name forms must run to tens of thousands, when there are almost 300 for a single parish like Bollington.

The task of editing the collection was equally immense. Frequently Dodgson's discussion of a single name runs to a page or more — that for Bromborough runs to three; and he was never afraid of flying a kite or of correcting an etymology when a colleague suggested a more convincing alternative.

The analysis of the elements

fills no less than 310 pages and here one can see concisely hisconsiderable contribution to scholarship, particularly in the number of words marked with. a dagger, indicating items not recorded in English Place Name Elements.

It is a matter for deep regiet that Dodgson never com-pleted the final volume, in which he could have been expected to draw together the evidence he had found, throwing light on local dialect, local history, historical geography and various aspects of the history of the language. But, these six volumes stand as a memorial to his scholarship. for which he was justly re-warded with the title of

Professor. At the same time Dodgson was one of a small group of scholars who took part in what is known in etymological cir-cles as the "middle-aged" revolution (in that its protagenists were mature scholars, modern county place-name not "Young Turks" anxious to surveys, the task of collecting the material for an enormous matter of course). Neverther matter of course). Nevertheless they did challenge assumptions about place-name chronology which their had inherited from their se-

Dodgson's decisive con. tribution is to be seen in the lengthy papers: "The Significance of the Distribution o English Place-Names in -ingas, -inga in South-east England" (Medieval Archaeology, 1966), together with "Various forms of Old English -ing in English Place-Names" and The -ing in English Place-Names like Birmingham and Altrincham" (Beiträge zur Namenforschung, Heidelberg, 1967 and 1968).

The first was the most influential. There Dodgson belonged not to the invasion phase of Anglo-Saxon settlement (5th-6th century) buit rather to a later colonizing phase (late 6th-7th century). In 1966 this was a daring piece, challenging accepted wisdom, and he followed it by an article on ham place-names in Kent, Surrey and Sussex, which made equally thought provoking suggestions.

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Dodgson was not challed ing the etymology of the place. names in question, rather the significance and status of the names. In this he was in a small and brave band of

As a lecturer Dodgson was witty, fluent and enthusiastic Nor should the BBC Teles vision programme of the 1970s (recently repeated) be forgotten, with its enduring images of John Dodgson and a group of researchers tracing the bounds of an Anglo-Saxon charter through the streets of London.

He leaves his widow, Joyce, a son and a daughter.

JANE NOVAK

Fragile and reclusive heroine from the heyday of silent Westerns Jane Novak, who was regularly snatched from the jaws of death in the days of the silent reckoned to stand for Shake-

movies, has died in America at the age of 94.

Her co-star William S Hart, who regularly did the snatching from savage hordes and runaway trains in a series of Westerns, died in 1946. In his declining years the reclusive Hart allowed few people near him, but his screen love Jane ish Yates (1918) and Wagon Novak was among the fa- Tracks (also 1918). voured few.

Louis with her sister in 1914. favourite of film buffs. Initially each earned about \$10 a week. Eva who died in

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speare), who turned from the stage to play cowboy roles which made much use of his rugged and none too mobile At one time Hart and Jane

Novak were engaged. Together they made a series of Although the relationship

She began her career in 1915 with Hart became personal and appeared sporadically in and on-going, Jane Novak's pictures up to 1950. In all she best-remembered film, Eyes of made 110 films, playing the the World (1917) was made female lead in many of them. without him. Her last epic in Jane Novak was an im- 1929, the half-sound halfmediate success in films after colour Redskin (1929) was coming to Hollywood from St with Richard Dix. It remains a In 1922 she sailed to Eng-

land and Germany for three 1988 became a favourite co-productions by Sir Michael star of cowboy actor Tom Balcon It was in a Balcon film that she first met Alfred Jane teamed up with the Hitchcock, then a young set

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designer who remained a friend of hers until his death. Over the years she was cast

opposite some of Hollywood's most attractive and successful male stars - William Desmond Taylor, Hobart Bosworth, Lewis Stone, Wallace Beery, Sessue Hayakawa, and of course Hart and Mix. gether they made a series of She appeared in some of the Westerns which included Self-first Harold Lloyd comedies and her producers ranged from Hal Roach to Hal Wallis for whom she made her final pictures, The File on Thelma Jordan and Paid in Full, in 1950.

In a newspaper interview in 1982 in which the two sisters reminisced. Eva said that her sister was a true actress while she had made films solely for Both Jane and Eva contin-

ued to draw the attention of fans into the final years. Jane is survived by her



Forthcoming marriages

Captain R.R.D. Griffin and Miss L.M. Morris

Morris, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Pilot Officer R.L. Mackmurdic

The engagement is announced

hetween Robert, son of Mr and

Mrs D.C.R. Mackmurdie. of

and Miss S. Gurteen

and Ledy Rose Cholmondeley
The engagement is announced
between Paul, son of the late
L.E. Manousso and Mrs Anna Manousso, of Hampstead, London, NW3, and Rose, daughter of the Marquess and Marchioness of Cholmondeley, of Cholmondeley Castle,

Mr P. Bennett-iones and Miss A.E. Watts

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Dr and Mrs N. Bennett-Jones, of Rhosneigr, Anglesey, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.V. Watis, of Nympsfield,

Mr C.D. Blackwood and Miss C.R. Whitfield The engagement is announced

between Clive David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Blackwood, of Pech Brae. Kilmardinny Avenue, Bears-den, Glasgow, and Caroline Rosemary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence J. Whitfield, of Labrador City, Newfoundland, Canada, and of Somerset. The marriage will take place on June Mr S.J. Bonnington

and Miss C.D. Prichard The engagement is announced between Stuart John, younger son of Mr and Mrs B.R. Bonnington of Woking Surrey, and Catherine Denise, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs B.N.C. Prichard, of Wands-

worth Common, London.

Mr D.J. Eriston and Miss H.M. Purser The engagement is announced between David John, younger son of Mr Ronald Eriston, of Malmesbury, Cape Province, and Mrs Audrey Lumb, of Harare, and Harriet Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gavin Purser, of Telvet Cottage. Charlwood, Surrey,

Birthdays today

between Edward, eldest son of the late Denys Martyn and of Mrs Paul Adair, of Gilwern, Gwent, and Anna, only daugh-ter of the late Mr and Mrs John

Evans Hildvard, of London.

Mr J.D. McKenzle Smith

and Miss F.J. Kelly

Mr E.G.S. Martyn

The engagement is announced between Duncan, son of Mr and Mrs A. McKenzie Smith, of Farnborough, Hants, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C. Stevenson, of Liverpool.

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Kinkel, 68; Sir John Leahy, diplomat, 62; Dr Barbara

and Miss D.J. Ross

Mr D.S. Noverré

The engagement is announced between Captain Ralph Griffin. between David, only son of Mr and Mrs D. Noverre, of London. and Diana, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs P.E. Ross, of Mrs Griffin of Newton Court Monmouth, Gwent, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Owen

> Mr N.A. Slater and Dr L.A.F. Henley

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Slater, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Lucy, daughter of the late Mr Arthur Henley and of Mrs Patsy Henley, of Speldhurst, Kent.

Mr M.L. Wilson and Miss C.M.E. Luce

The engagement is announced between Mark Lithgow, son of Mr and Mrs Simon Wilson, of Ballochmorne, South Ayrshire, and Catnona Mary Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Luce, of Winchester,

Latest wills

Lady Rendlesham, of London SW3, a director since 1969 of Yves Saint Laurent's first Rive Gauche boutique in Britain, left estate valued at £1,412,678 net. Vice-Admiral Sir John Felgate Stevens, of Haslemere, Surrey, former C-in-C America and West Indies station, left estate valued at £498,033.

Mr Ian Stanley Scott-Kilvert, of London W4, former chairman of the Byron Society, left estate valued at £433,465 net.

English-Speaking: Union of Sri Lanka

President Ranasinghe Pre-madasa, President of Sri Lanka, madasa, President of Sri Lanka, yesterday formally declared open the new Head Quarters of the ESU of Sri Lanka at 314/2 Galle Road, Colombo. The Head Quarters include the English Language School, Wynne Parker Library and Administrative offices.

The President was received by Former President J.R. Jayewardene, Patron of the ESU of South Assistance of the ESU South Asia, who presided. Mr Michael Wynn Founder of the ESU of Sri Lanka and President of the ESU of South Asia, outlined the history of the ESU in Sri Lanka

Brigadier Peter Tower, of 24 Ormonde Gate, Chelsea, SW3, and the Hon Mrs Victoria Apsion, of 8 Mulberry Walk,

and Miss L. Carroll The marriage took place on Tuesday. February 6, 1990, in Fig. between Mr Mark Burbidge

and Miss Louise Carroll. Mr R.L. Giazebrook and Mrs M.J. Carter The marriage took place on Friday, February 2, in Islington,

between Mr Robert Glazebrook and Mrs Marion Jone Carter.

Lady Cullen of Ashbourne fegrets very much she was unable to attend the funeral of General Sir Roger Bower owing 10

SCIENCE REPORT

Putting competitors in the shade

stalight despite the encroachment of neighbouring plants can make the difference between life and death.

In competition for life-giving light, those seedlings which put most of their effort into shooting opwards, outgrowing their rivals, are often the only ones to survive. But how can a plant know when its nearest neighbour is getting too close for

comfort? A report in the January 19 issue of Science (vol 247, pp 329-331) shows that seedlings can respond to the presence of neighbours even before they begin to be Carlos Ballare, and a team of ecologists from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, grew seedlings of white mustard (Sinapis alba) and Datura ferox, one of the

nightshade family, varying the density of plants from one plot to another to make the competition for light more or less severe. The more crowded the plots, the tailer seedlings from both species grew, suggesting that someting indicated to the plants that competitors were close by, and

encouraged faster growth.

ecuie called phytochrome was involved in the rapid stem-lengthening response. Phytochrome, a blue-green pigment, regulates many plant responses to light, and is sensitive to the ratio of red light to "far-red" light, which has a slightly longer wave-length. The reflected light from plants stains a greater fraction of far-red than direct semlight, so the Argentinian team wondered if the seedlings were taking their growth cues from the intensity of far-red light reflected from their neighbours.

To reduce the far-red light reaching the seedlings' stems, transparent flasks were placed around a stem section on some seedlings, and filled with either blue copper sulphate solution, which filtered out much of the far-red light, or water. As the researchers had expected, plants sur-rounded by the far-red filtering solution responded much less strongly to the presence of neighbours. But this effect happened at relatively low

seedling densities, where plants were close but not actually shading one another. The

Argentinians suspect that an ability to

respond to potential competitors, before shading begins, may be crucial to survival, but that once plants are put in the shade by a faster growing neighbour, the battle is The next step will be to see if this

not just in experiments plots of Ballare and his colleagues, where only single species is permitted and the plants are all the same age. In natural plant canopies, there are plants of many different species and sizes proving together, and there may be a great variety of photochemical signals that can influence the pattern of plant growth.

But the simplicity and elegance of their experiments persuades the researchers that differences in the effectiveness of plants' far-red sensing "early warning system"
may be the main reason why some plants are able to get a head start and put their

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Peter Aldhous

Lord Bellwin, 67; Mr P.W. Bennett, former chairman, W.H. Smith and Son Holdings, 73; Mrs Caroline Bingham, writer, 52; Lord Bottomley, 83;

Mrs G.T. Banks, Registrar General for England and Wales. 57; MacGibbon, pathologist, 62; Sir George Moseley, civil servant, 65: Mr G.J. Mulcahy, executive chairman, Kinglisher, 48: Sit Philip Myers, former chief constable, North Wales Police, 59 Sir Geoffrey Peacock, former Remembrancer of the City of Miss Dora Bryan, actress, 66; Remembrancer of the City of the Earl of Cork and Orrery, 80; London, 70; Sir Robert Reid. Professor Sir Citflord Darby, chairman, British Railways geographer, 81; Mr Gerald Da-Board, 69; Mr R.W. Watson, geographer, 81: Mr Gerald Da-vies, rugby player, 45; the Earl of Harewood, 67: Mr Michael 64: Sir Brian Windeyer, radiol-James, writer and nuclear en-ergy adviser, 49; Lord Keith of cellor, London University, 86.

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CRAME - On January 30th 1990. Cyril watter 8 Sc.

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Catherine Elizabeth.

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19. Vicky and Chuck. a
daughter. Laura Lee.

MIGHTSOMERY - On February

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38ter for Alexa and Flora. stit. unexpectedly but peacefully, Mariorie, of ingrave, Brentwood. Dearest wife of Douglas, beloved mother of Saltyann and Jenifer and sadty missed grandmother. A Funeral Service will be held at St. Nicholas'. Ingrave. on Tuesday February 13th at 11 am., followed by cremation. Family flowers MODRIOUSE - On Saturday
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BOLES - On February 4th. Beacrelily at St Therese's Rome. Wimbledon. Jessec. aged 73 years. widow of the late Kenneth Colertidge Boles. Eimeral Service at Putney Yale Crematorium on February 12th at 11.30 am. BOWEN - On February 8th 1990, aged 80. Regmaid D. is L. University of Strasbourg. Husband of Dorothy and father of Anthony. Elizabeth and Richard. Funeral at St Mary the Virgin. Idenley-on-Thames. on Monday February 12th at 1.30 pm. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. BRITTON - On February 36th 1990, Dr. Colin Michel, aged 45 years. Beloved husband of kimala and father of Steven and Jaquita. loving son of the late Haermatologist Dr. Cedric and Varulas Britton and Mrs. Jacide Neylon. peacefully in Banchok, after a lone litness. of Dr. Keith strium and wars lacked Neylon, peacefully in Bangkok, after a long ilmess, bravety endured. He will be greatly missed and was userly loved by family in

New Zealand and many Virtends.

BURLING - On February 3rd, al. The Royal Marsden Histories. Beloved electron of Ann and the Later Charter. the late Dennis Chartes Burling and brother of Thomas and Harnet, Loved by so many. His courage and framour will always be remembered. Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church. Hambledon. Surrey. on February 10th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Family flowers only.

BURTON - On February 3rd
1990, (Bertie), suddenly in
hospital. Much loved
husband of Susan, beloved
father of Tony and Amanda,
and brother of Betty.
Formerly Managing Director
of I.T.T. Asia Pacific (Malaysial. Cremation at Haycombe Crematorium. Whiteway Road, Bath, on February 9th

9.40 am. Donations to British Lung Foundation. Family flowers only.

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Professional actresses playing the female lead in productions of the Oxford University Dramatic Society was a well established tradition. Lily Brayton was an accomplished Shakespearian actress who had played the Shrew in a West End production the previous year.

OXFORD UNIVER-SITY DRAMATIC SOCIETY The engagement of Miss Lily

Brayton for the part of Katharine in

the production at the New Theatre, Oxford, last night, by the University

Dramatic Society of The Taming of

the Shrew may be held to imply adhesion to some extent to the treatment of the play at the Adelphi.
It is conceived, that is, as a downright, rollicking, noisy farce; and rightly so conceived. It is not a comedy, for in comedy, except perhaps in the old comedy of humours, there is no place for these roughlyconceived and broadly-drawn characters, these sudden conversions and extravagant modes. For a modern audience which is not accustomed to treat its women as its household staff, a farce is undoubtedly the only thing to make of it; and the Oxford University Dramatic Society are right in following the most recent model and bringing out the farce of Katharine and Petruchio to the utmost, even at some possible loss to the quieter scenes that concern the pretty loves of Bianca and Vincentio. - Granted that the main theme must be handled with rattle and noise, the question of the acting is not yet settled; and it is not too much to say that the Oxford Petruchio has hit on the right method of playing his difficult part. Petruchio was a gentleman by birth, a ruffian by pretence,

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tallier of Matthew and Cultr. Funeral Service at St. Niman's. Glenurguhart. Invernesshire, on Frazy February 9th at 2:30 pm. Family flowers only. donations may be sent to the Royal Marsden Hospital. Fulham Road, London SW7. A Memoral Service will be vale Cennetery on Tuesday
February 13th at 12 noon
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Station. Lincotn.

DODO - On February 5th
1990, at home after a long
illness borne with great
courage and example Diane
time Rawsoni. aged 68 years
wife of the late Basil Eager
beloved mother of Nictiotas
and devoted grandmother of
Alexander and Bernaby
Funeral Service to be held at
Tumbridge Mells
Crematorium Monday
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Family flowers only. bis
donations if desired to
Cancer Research.

ELLARD-MANDLEY - On
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FITZGERALD - On February

4th 1990, peacefully and A Memorial Service will be held at St Barnabas. Addison Road. London W14, Monday March 12th at 5 pm.

March 12th at 5 pm.

MAIDMENT - On Saturday
February 3rd 1990. after
many years of suffering.
Beatrice Joan. beloved wife
of Chifford and devoted
mother to Bruce and Julie.
Funeral Service. Si Mary's.
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MAYERS - On February 4th 1990. at Princess Alice Hospice. aged 59. Eira Ellis. Much loved wife of Richard (formerty widow of the late David Adams Norris). Dear mother of Ceraint and Kate and Maragu to Alice. James. Sholto, Laura. Rachel. Heather and Alison Funeral at Christ Church. Esher. on Friday February 9th 1990 at 1 pm. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Princess Alice Hospice. West End Lane. Esher.

MERIVALE - On February 6th. at Charing Cross Hospital, peacefully in his steep after a long strupple. John H. Ljacki, aged 72. Beloved husband of Dinah. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium 11 am Tuesday February 13th. Please no flowers, but donations to the Actors' Benevolent Fund. 6 Adam Street. WC2.

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ISSUELER - On February 3rd 1990. suddenly at home. Magor General J.E. Ulmmue) Miller. M.C., R.A.M.C. tretired). Much loved husband of Kay and devoted fother of David. Funeral private, donations if wished to the R.A.M.C. Charites.

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at her first appearance in the part, by

determination; and so the two leaders hammered and rattled out their violent encounter to the great delight

Meanwhile, in the Bianca plot

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Grumio, a droll dog of much impudence, and Mr. C.A. Eccles Wil-

hams, as the Lord in the Induction.

The play had been produced by Mr. G.R. Foss, who contributed one

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the play as a farcical entertainment

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THE ARTS

Unhappy families on camera

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

Something very curious is happen-ing to American television docunentaries. They are now so glossy, and the participants so determined to give Emmy-winning performances, that they are becoming indistinguishable from such said-

life dramas as thirtysomething. Last night's Joint Custody (Channel 4) would have made a perfect episode in one of the new, caring familial series. It followed three divorced couples who have decided that for themselves, and possibly even their children. it makes more sense to divide responsibilities evenly, rather than one parent having prime charge and only shunting the kids off to the other for alternate weekends.

There is, as one father noted, a limit to the number of times you can take offspring to Disneyland. Better to have them for a week at 2 time, even if the logistics of school and career become far more complicated.

It would be uncharitable to suggest that if you were a child of these particular parents you might anyway wish to opt for the nearest orphanage, although what sort of effect a totally split two-home childhood will have on them in later life could not be explored, the idea itself having only been around for half an hour or so.

"Caring Parenting" sounds like something out of a parody of American domestic life, and 1 especially enjoyed the father trying to convince a recalcitrant daughter that she was going to have "special time" with ber babysitter. There is something bleakly funny about people deciding that whatever they are doing at the time is better for the kids. All that can be said for the new system, thus far, is that it appears to be producing children already oing for minor roles in a Woody Allen movie about parental guilt and anxiety.

Earlier, the feminist series Ordinary People (also on Channel 4) had some chilling statistics. Eight out of 2,010 paintings in the National Gallery are by women while of 435 plays produced by the National Theatre, only 10 had female authors. There were also some angry interviews with writers such as Jill Hyem trying to work for male producers who are convinced they know more than she does about how women behave without men. But the series is looking like radio with on

rather than a television proj-Yorkshire's First Tuesday enace an award-winning sixth year with mensely careful study of this country's worst-ever football disaster. It was unlocky for them that both World In Action and BBC 2's Public Eye jumped the gun last week with instant re actions to the Taylor report, but this one had been almost a year in the making, and is likely to prove definitive.

Finally, Looking After Vumber One (BBC 2) was a very impres-sive screenplay first, not only for the writer. Ben Rostul, but also for the director, Simon Cellan Jones. who brought a 30-minute drama in for less than £10,000.

Armistead Maupin, creator of the newly-completed sequence of novels Tales of the City, talks to Jasper Rees

Stories on the never-never

rmistead Maupin is a curiosity. Only one in umpteen of his thousands of readers can correctly pronounce his name. Asked to put the ignorant on to the right phonetic path, he enunciates the word "Mawpin" with a subdued South Carolina drawl.

But he is a curiosity for another reason. The Tales of the City novel sequence, which began in 1976, and concludes with Sure of You, published in Britain this week, has revived the art of creating a plot in instalments. "I'd love to say that it was entirely intentional," he says, "but I think it was as big a surprise to me as it was to the readers."

The stories started as a daily series of episodic sketches in the San Francisco Chronicle, which used fictional characters to examine the topical quirks of San Franciscan life, especially gay life. This they did very well, but as I began to run out of material – it's an interesting town but not that interesting - I had to find ways in which the characters could interact. The plot [which, like its successors, is fat with cheekely choreographed coincidences] bloomed out of that."

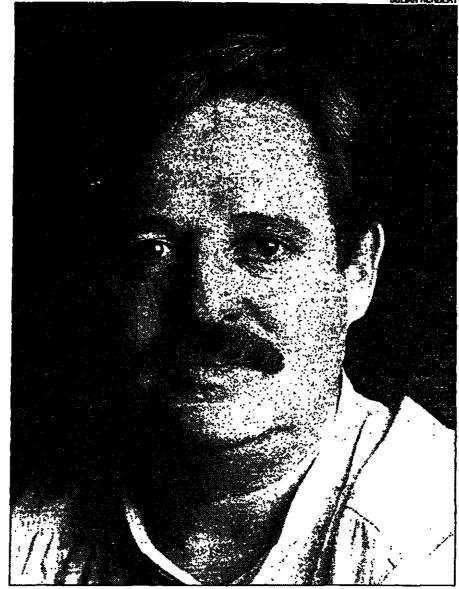
The single thread which connects the five main characters is that they live under the same roof on a hill overlooking the city. Sexually they have nothing in common. Earnest Mary Ann and lovable Michael prefer men; macho Brian and aggressive Mona prefer women; and, for reasons which emerge in More Tales, their landlady Mrs Madrigal fits in somewhere between the

"What I had missed in fiction up to that point was something that would validate the life of a gay person," says their creator. "The great trony was that the senior columnist at the Chronicle was a homophobic old lrishman who had affection for me but no patience whatsoever for my homosexuality.

"I was supposed to submit six weeks' worth of columns to the newspaper before they would accept, so I deliberately waited until the series had gained a footbold before introducing the gay and lesbian characters.
As it happened, when Michael was threatened with a fatal illness, people responded as if he were one of their own children."

For several years, Maupin's addicted readership remained strictly regional. Because they were published in paperback, they were from California, I was out of the closes and some of the characters were gay, the Tales had 'cult' written all over them as far as the New York establishment was

So the news about Maupin spread by



Armistead Manpin: "Tim ready to talk in other voices" after 15 years of these characters

word of mouth. "It makes me very happy to know that, because it is much easier to be secure in that kind of fame than one which is bestowed on you overnight by a literary establishment. You are painfully aware that they could take it away at any moment."

Though Christopher Isherwood encouraged him early on, Maupin says he prefers the company of actors to that of writers. "And painters - especially this

one", he says, indicating the studio in which the interview is being conducted. It is the Kensington base of David Hockney. Maupin is borrowing it for the week while he promotes Sure of You, the sixth and last of the Tales of the City sequence. It is Hockney's portrait of Maupin which

adorns the cover of Chatto's omnibus edition of the first three Tales. "He is doing a whole series of portraits like that of his interpret his work for him, I think it has a lot to do with him having lost so many friends to Aids recently."

Michael's illness in More Tales is not Aids, but as the second half of the sequence moves into the 1980s, the virus casts an increasingly lengthy shadow. By the beginning of Sure of You, Michael has been diagnosed HIV-positive; there is a scene in which he covers a lesion on his leg and waits to find out from a doctor if it is what he thinks it is.

"I hesitated about including that episode in the novel," Maupin explains, "because I thought people might accuse me of being unnecessarily melodramatic, but it hap-pened to my lover and I wanted to show people exactly what that meant."

Sure of You could not help being darker than its forerunners. In Further Tales there is a loving portrait whom Maupin freely admits is Rock Hudson ("strictly autobiographical," he says). In Sure of You there is a much less flattering portrait of a designer whose international success depends upon his staying in the closet.

Tales of the City begins with Mary Ann arriving in San Francisco for a holiday and deciding to stay. Sure of You deals with her departure, and the emotional ructions it

aupin announces that he is ready to talk in other voices. I have lived with these folks for 15 years, and I felt it was time to try something different." He has written some of the script for a musical currently in rehearsal, pending an opening on Broadway in the autumn. "It's very exciting to hear actors reading my

dialogue," he says.
It is only the problem of finance which has prevented the rapier-sharp dialogue of Tales of the City from finding its way on to television."Americans are running scared of even the tamest material about gay and lesbian life," he says. This is a shame, because Maupin's people are not mere sexual stereotypes going about their carnal

"An English reporter criticized me for not having sex scenes in the books," he concludes. "I told him that that's the problem with the British: if you did it a little more often you wouldn't have to read about it." As messages to the nation go, it is certainly different. Much like the man, and

● Sure of You is published by Chatto & Windus this week at £12.95

Something was said, but what?

DANCE John Percival

> Karin Vyncke **ICA**

This dancer from Brussels, new to London I believe, is at the ICA until Saturday to open a four-week season by women choreographers.

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While the audience waits, we hear a recording of "Mon cocur souffie à ta voix" from Saint-Saéns's Samson et Dalila. But when we set eyes on Vyncke, she seems no Delilah: if her heart has softly awakened, it seems to have been shattered again by a man who stands watching her hesitate across the forestage, tremulously spilling the water she tries to carry in a bowl

Behind her is a cage of wire netting, and she spends the rest of the performance trapped inside, but not before a group of men have scattered stiff white feathers all over the floor and thrown dead birds around. Here she meets her other self, played by Laura Girotto, who smiles brightly while Vyncke cannot hide her frowns. But both of them struggle equally in an environment that seems

constantly to trip them up.

At the end, Vyncke succumbs and lies buried under the dead birds, but Girotto takes new heart, nourishes herself greedily on milk and an apple, and is last seen climbing out of the trap while a breeze begins to clear the floor of its feathery debris (to which the women have substantially added as they went along).

I would not pretend to interpret

every clue and symbol offered in the course of this action, but the general purport seems clear nough, and it is illuminated by the performances of the two women. Vyncke calls the pieces Sous les vetements blancs, and whatever she meant that to convey, to me it is clear that under these white skirts and loose tops are two highly purposeful and resilient people, making use of considerable physical skills and courage to say something about an attitude to life.

Alasdair Cameron

Tally's Blood Traverse, Edinburgh

!ane di Mambro's Tally's . is impossible to dislike. ain generous, written from the heart, it brings an unseasonal breath of Italy to a chilly Edinhurgh It is the story of an Italian family in Scotland, their lives, loves, trials and tears. It is certainly not the kind of play we expect at the Traverse Seeing the play there is like finding a Catherine Cookson novel on Martin Amis's bookshelf.

Lucia, played by the excellent Blythe Duff, has been brought up by Auni Rosinella and Uncle Massimo in a chip shop, Tally's (as in 'talians), somewhere in Scotland, anywhere in Scotland to judge from the variety of accents. She grows up with Hughie Devin - right religion, wrong

ethnic minority - who comes to love her. When she is sent back to her real father in Italy, he follows; and when he is forbidden to marry her, they elope and spend the night together up a tree. This is the custom of the country, which ensures they will be married.

The first half is much the more sombre and is almost a play in itself. The family comes to terms with abortion, death, the hostility of their neighbours and an internment Act II, however, verges perilously on sitcom, as Scottish Tallies meet the real (Italian) thing with attendant language jokes and no sense of real danger.

Tally's Blood is an Italo-Scottish version of The Steamie. It is given an immaculate production by lan Brown, an effective allpurpose case setting by lan Mac-Neil and evocative music by Richard Sisson. Anne Downie's performance, as Aunt Rosinella, is so good that it threatens to overwhelm the play. Accent, emotional power, brooding stage presence: Downie has them all and she relishes every moment. It is a pity

that the end seems such a cop-out. Tally's Blood is going out on an extensive tour. But compared with Marcella Evaristi's Commedia, a much harsher look at the stultifying nature of Scottish-Italian families and the overwhelming pressures to conform, the play is a trifle - or zuppa Inglese.

The unadorned truth

THEATRE Benedict Nightingale

Side Pockets Stratford East

Something actually happens in the last moments of Side Pockets, and since it belongs to sporting history, I feel free to reveal it bere. Over the radio comes news that Joe Louis has conquered Max Schmeling in round one of their rematch confirming himself as world heavyweight champion.

There is the faint sound of hooting and hurrahing in the streets outside the Harlem saloon where Aaron Iverson's play is set; but inside its marky walls the barman simply switches off the lights, bringing his customers' and our evening to an end.

So anti-climactic a climax needs explanation, especially as it has been preceded by remarks like "sure goin' to be a good fight tonight" and "Joe lose? Ain't no way". Is Iverson, a Chicago lawyer and hitherto an unperformed dramatist, showing his inexperi-ence? Or is this his cryptic way of suggesting that Louis's historic victory was also unhistoric, since it made little difference to the everyday lives of everyday blacks precariously surviving in the everyday ghetto? Both, maybe. Iverson is an

observant writer with a knack for replicating the desultory chatter of people with nothing much to do. But he has yet to learn the paradoxical art - exemplified, if you want a sporting comparison, by David Storey's Changing Room - of making the downbeat powerful and the sterile pregnant. Here, he has not created tension enough to sustain a pair of trousers, let alone a whole play.

Part of the problem may be Burt Caesar's production; but its nonchalance seems in keeping with the text. Sylvester Williams brings a gauche charm to the role of Ray, who hopelessly yearns to be a boxing or baseballing star, and Stephen Persaud a callow swagger to his friend Stan, an aspiring spiv. You can believe in Calvin Simpson's grudging, peany-pinching barman, too: caring is more difficult.

It is the same with their conversation, which casually ranges from chance to cockfaraway white man, Hitler. Poli-



tics, racialism and even metaphysics are dimly perceived from an ant's-eye-view; but, authentic though that may be, the effect is not to illumine those or any other

subjects. The sad moral may be that drama is a rather cruder medium than Iverson yet realizes. Truth is rarely enough: energy is

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Sisters on a virtuosic scramble

when the audience were sum-moned back for the second part of Monday night's programme by the Labeque sisters Katia and Marielle. Not surprising, after the pounding both pianos took before the interval. The musically perspicacious (as well as photogenic) pair had just played the three movements from Petrushka that Stravinsky first arranged for one piano, and then Victor Babin put into two-piano form.

Stripped of orchestral colour. the music concentrates the mind on elements of intricate rhythm and sometimes polytonal harmony, and although the young players took the opening "Russian Dance" at a pretty fast scramble, the percussive character of their keyboard attack suited the pictorial qualities of "Petrushka's Room" and the frosty glitter of the "Shrovetide Fair". The harmonic colour that emerged was more a matter of random accord than

It is not necessarily a good thing that members of the same family should form themselves into professional groups. The father and two sons of the distinguished Benda family, descended from the dynasty of 18th-century Czech composers but now Austrian citizens, prove that point.

They are all obviously highly accomplished musicians, yet because they have such a lot in common, and because they know each other so well, they are not able to react with - or against each other in any dynamic way. Or so seemed it in this recital, which began also with an evident problem in handling the style of these players' most distinguished

RECITALS Noël Goodwin

Labèque Sisters Festival Hall

calculated balance, but the exuberant virtuosity never slackened. Before this, they began an uncommonly short programme (less than an hour of music all

told, before the encores) in even closer partnership, with four hands at one piano. This crowded the top, bottom and middle of the keyboard with sometimes charming detail in Ravel's Ma Mère l'Oye, which he wrote first as a children's duet. There was a childlike simplicity here, touching in the fairy-tale images: a Sleeping Beauty wistful and chattering by turns, a wondering Laideronette, and a magical Fairy Garden. Irwin Kostal's arrangement of

Stephen Pettitt Benda Musicians Wigmore Hall

forebear, Frantisek Benda. A pleasant Cello Sonata in A major - given by Christian with his lather. Sebastian, making a somewhat quiet contribution at the nieno - was smooth and seamless. rich in sound but undifferentiated in character. Likewise much of the humour in Beethoven's Clarinet Trio. On 11, for which the pair were joined by François, the other son, was far too polite, refined to the point where it was all but lost.

dances and songs from West Side Story is a recent addition to their repertoire, sanctioned by Leonard Bernstein so long as the percussion was not neglected. So the pianists were joined by Jean-Pierre Drouet on timpani, metallophones and the like, and Trilok Gurtu, who is the first drummer I have encountered to attack a jazz kit while crouched on one knee, the better also to finger the Indian tublas. Such a percussive array bal-

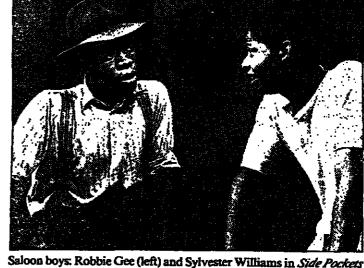
anced the two pianos at times, but they dispatched the faster and more rhythmic numbers with elan, relished the "Blues" and the quiet "Cha-Cha", endowed the 'Rumble" with suitably descriptive effects, and allowed "Someto become hombly maudlin. It added up to a 25-minute

cabaret, but was still flexible enough in content to supply another couple of numbers for

Even in Brahms's Clarinet Trio. Op 114, which one would have thought better suited their smooth approach, they were ungratefully leaden in the Andantino grazioso and colourless in the levely Adagio. It was a relief to hear them in music by Schoenberg, Berg and

These composers leave less to chance, demanding utter concentration on expression. Sebastian gave Schoenberg's Six Little Pieces, Op 19, a whole new range of colours, while Christian's performance with his father of Webem's Three Little Pieces, Op 11, was beautifully poised: François relished the more fulsome qualities of Berg's Four Pieces, Op 5.

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Alexandra King on a growing problem for American parents

that summer camps for children have never quite taken off here. But in the United States, plenty of middle-class parents are pre-pared to pay from \$500 (£297) a week for their children to be taken off their hands.

And when those children have reached the uncomfortably large proportions of an estimated 30 to 40 per cent of American children, it is easier to send-them to a "fat camp" than to try to get to the root of the problem at home. Welcome to Fat Camp",

tonight's Q.E.D. programme on BBC1, goes behind the 12ft-high perimeter fences around Camp Shane in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York, where summer camps cluster as thickly as the inmates' pimples. The documentary calls the camp "a unique concept", although there are scores of "fat camps" on the east coast of America, and probably hundreds more scattered across the country. While some camps are run

by the big slimming organizations, Camp Shane is an independent, family-owned camp commanded by a thin, moustachioed man called David Ettenberg. It could be called Camp Shame, for some of its campers refused to be included in the film for fear it would be shown on American television.

A few - such as Marissa, an attractive 15-year-old cheerleader with only about 12lb to lose - begged to be allowed to fully-grown male astronauts, attend ("I don't want to be he acknowledges glumly. looked at as not fat, I want to Nevertheless, he is furious be looked at as thin," she says longingly). But others, even if here instead of giving him the they admit "I was really tired of being like this", have been forced to go by parents who have either failed, or cannot be bothered, to do anything about their children's obesity.

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The children regard the mp as imprisonment, and much about the way it is run but as the programme's pro- home. Did you get my letter I where she has lived and commercials by the time he

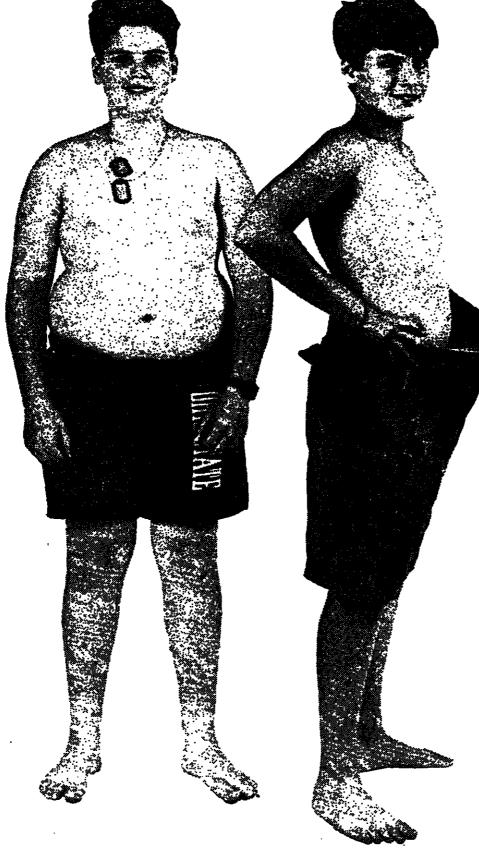
erhaps it is because Britain has Butlins and boarding schools pression. "To me, it's the parents' fault," says the slim nutritionist disapprovingly, and there is the unpleasant sense that blame is apportioned with the meagre meals.

"The diet takes no account of age, sex or size," the programme comments, and is limited to 1,700 calories a day, about half the recommended intake for a growing child". Youngsters who have never

had more exercise than pressing the buttons on the television remote control are suddenly made to participate in punishing routines to mor-tify the flesh. They look sweaty and miserable, the camera cruelly focusing on wobbly bellies and elephantine thighs. "Up...Down... Spread 'em!" shouts the instructor with drill-sergeant sadism. (The children have to pass a medical examination before they are enrolled.) But the camp claims its greatest strength is that it has "created an environment where these kids feel normal" - where they don't have to be afraid to be seen in a swimming costume, and where they can even explore relationships with the opposite sex without because of their size. It caters for boys and girls aged from seven to 16, with a special "young adult programme" for young women aged 17-25.

cott, who wants to be an astronaut, weighs 217lb - already 32lb over the maximum weight allowed for that his parents have sent him support he needs at home. "Big fat smile," demands the woman taking the prison-style photographs which mark his

A resident psychologist offers sympathetic counselling, and a shoulder to blubber on,



Young star in the flesh: summer immate Mike Rein, who lost 54lb in nine weeks at Camp Shane

"How much can one woman do for 300 kids? How can she possibly break down those defences in so little time when the first problem she has to deal with is homesickness, which is common to kids in all

scenes is of Scott sobbing in seems to reinforce that im- ducer, Barbara May, asks: sent? I wrote six!" His father worked for the past 12 years. had turned 18, frightened to

camp, its commandant exown failure".

May was moved to make One of the most moving the documentary because of learn that the average Ameriher worries about the health of can child who watched four the telephone box: "Mom, I'd children today both in her hours of television a day like to know if I can come native America and in Britain, would have seen 20,000 food

takes pity on him, but the She has a son aged nine and a plains, is "reluctant to let was "tired of being the only people leave early because it mother in the car pool who undermines morale". He as- didn't give the kids a chocserts that Scott "created his olate bar or crisps as soon as

She was also horrified to

the grossly overweight ones, like Josiah, May says the desire is simply to be normal. "And some of them had had

nine-year-old and he'd been to the Rochester Nutrition Unit since he was three!" When girls aged six to eight are asked they got into the car". if they have been on a diet before, it is somehow tragic that all but two are shown

raising their hands. Camp is on BBC1 at 9.30pm moting socialism, homosextonight.

FIRST PERSON

Lessons for a good life

Children spend from a third to a half of their waking lives in school. Yet there is a lack of certainty about what we expect schools to teach apart, that is, from facts.

discover that children of her son's age had furred-up arter-

ies, and concerned at the way "affluence, laziness, divorce

and working parents' were, as she saw it, conspiring to produce a generation of un-

"Do you know that only one state in America has obliga-tory physical education in schools now? she demands. (The state is Illinois.) "In

many ways the camps have to

have the discipline they do because of the complete lack of discipline these kids have at

home. They have to be pushed

into sport. And they must

enjoy it, because 50 per cent of

Once only the comfortably-

off would send their offspring to "fat camp", but now "problem kids" are being sent

by councils as part of "training

to learn to deal with society in

a more positive way by first

it any more, and I couldn't," weeps Iosiah, a would-be ac-

tor who already has an agent

at the age of 14. "And my

agent wanted me to

summer he has lost 341b. But

he has found some self-es-

teem, which May feels to be

much more important. He has since landed a part in a

to see whether, once they were

out of the artificially con-

trolled environment, they

would slip back into the bad

old habits. Surprisingly, Jo-

siah (who was truly enor-

mous) continued to lose

weight and gain confidence

after the camp, while the

glamorous Marissa - who got

to within a few pounds of her desperately desired goal - had put back 6lb within six

The camps have noted that

more children are checking in

who have only 10lb or 15lb to

lose instead of huge amounts

of weight, as the obsession

with having a perfect figure

becomes more intense. But for

weight problems all their lives:

I spoke to the mother of one

ay has kept in

touch with some of the children

whose progress

she monitored

television series.

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Do we want character, morals and social sense to be part of the core curriculum? Or should these be left entirely to parents? Is a school a personal. pastoral place or an efficient information filling-station? It would be no bad idea if we could, collectively, make up our minds, because tensions are brewing.

bodies", May says.
"My parents
wanted me to Recently, for instance, we heard that Newmarket Upper School in Suffolk was abancouldn't take doning a much-admired new timetable in which an unusual emphasis was placed on guidance", life skills and citizenship. After a curricu-

> and complaints teachers that they were not trained to act as counsellors, the school's pupils are now back exam results' ventional diet

of lessons and assemblies Also, Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, has attacked the national curriculum's emphasis on specific skills: this mechanistic approach, he said, "can deaden creativity, neglect human and effective growth and lead to emotional and spiritual deprivation".

Those who rage at "indoctrination" by teachers and point to the private sector as an example of "old-fashioned schooling in the three Rs' might do well to reflect that our public schools are not long sprung out of the Rugby where Dr Arnold droned morality for long, compulsory hours in chapel, and that the spirit of character-forming still pervades most independent prospectuses.

Despite the reverence for "qualifications", one suspects that parents in the state sector do not flock to schools entirely for the exam results. We want more: what the jargon calls PSME - personal, social and moral education.

But PSME is at a crossroads: first, because of the publicity given to scare stories about teachers allegedly pronality and so on in schooltime;

and second, because the per-fectly wholesome and un-exceptionable "moral" teaching sessions held in most schools are being violently squeezed by the national

Professor Ted Wrage, of the School of Education at Exeter University, is worried. "A lot of schools which were trying to develop the whole child now find it more difficult: the national curriculum has knocked up a total of 54 attainment targets so far, with four subjects still to come. So it gets difficult for a teacher juggling time."

Tony Leach, headmaster of Thomas Mills comprehensive in Suffolk, agrees about the squeeze. "We manage to en-gineer enough space, because I rate the personal and moral

and prefer it to 'Parents do itself." fuses to hire not flock to staff who do not schools explicitly accept that their just for role has a ial dimension. good teachers

> around who see themselves as subject-teachers only I won't accept that." He runs a popular, highly rated school, but in a teacher shortage, not all heads can afford to be so fussy

> There is, of course always the true progressive approach. A. S. Neill founded Summerhill school, in Suffolk, on principles of total freedom, no rules or compulsory lessons. and Zoe Redhead, his daughter, affirms them still.

With 65 pupils from all over the free-thinking world, she sums up the Summerhill PSME - or tack of it "We are anti-morals When someone dug up Neill's potatoes he made an almighty fuss, but insisted it was only because they were his potatoes and had taken time to plant.

"An ordinary schoolmaster would have made a moral point of it But we see things in practical terms - you can't live with other people and damage their things. We don't set out to make you a better person." Summerbill parents know exactly what they are getting But do the rest

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Heartfelt gifts

Valentine gift-givers can go some way towards helping hearts through the British Heart Foundation's appeal if they buy their loving tokens from the Can Can company, which sells cans of Laurent-Perrier champagne or cho-colates for £16.95, or Just Balloons, which sends beliumfilled, heart-shaped balloons with a choice of greetings. Each company has promised to donate "a generous percentage" of profits to the BHF if customers mention the foundation when placing their order. Contact the Can Can company at 22 Charterhouse Works, Eltringham Street, London SW18 1TD (01-877 1233), and Just Balloons at 82 Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-434 3039). Or you might prefer to make your donation direct to the BHF at 102 Gloucester Place, London WIH 4DH

Spell check

A press release from the Dyslexia Institute reads as if it has been produced by victims, since it refers to contributions by such sufferers as Edwina Curry to one of two new books it has published. Error aside, Carrie's joke is one of many rib-ticklers in the Xceedingly Funny Joke Book. The other book is a collection of essays, poems, paintings and photographs from dyslexic adults and children called As I See It.

A round-up of news,

views and information

Both are published by Walker Books at £2.50, with royalties going to the institute's Bursary Fund, which finances teaching and assessment.

Quote me . . .



"We read the dictionary. It's always by our bed. On his side is an English one, a Collins, and on my side an American, Random House." Marianne Wiggins, wife of Salman Rushdie

Death calling

A National Telephone Be-reavement Advisory Service has just been launched by the funeral directors PRG Hodgson Kenyon International. Sir Harry Secombe supplies the voice of the information

in consultation with solicitors, funeral directors, the DHSS and Cruse - Bereavement Care, a national organization that offers practical and emotional support. Topics such as "Making a will" and "Planning your immediate money matters on death" are inter-spersed with "Coping with bereavement" and "Arranging a funeral". Calls are charged at the normal British Telecom rates for such services, 38p a minute during peak time and

25p off-peak, with "a percentage of the income" from each call going to Help the Aged. A free leaflet with further details is available from PFG Hodgson Kenyon Bereavement Support Service, The Oak-lands, 2 Holyhead Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B21 OLT, or from the company's 400 branches and selected

Mask master

Put some drama into the children's half-term holiday by making traditional Chinese opera masks. A special workshop, which must be booked in advance, will be held for the children of Times readers on Saturday, February 24, from 10am to 12 noon at the Museum Store, 37 The Piazza, place under the direction of Yap Hi Chu, a Chinese maskplace either write or telephone, mentioning or enclos-

service, which was compiled Garden paths

Nearly 3,000 gardens which can be visited and enjoyed are listed in Gardens of England and Wales Open in 1990, to be published tomorrow. All are members of the National Gardens Scheme, which ensures that money paid for entrance will go to a good cause. Copies can be obtained for £2.25 (inc. p&p) direct from the National Gardens Scheme, Hatchlands Park, East Clandon, Guildford, Surrey GU4 7RT (0483 211535), or from bookshops in about two weeks' time for

Fathers' days

In the vast majority of di-vorces the mother gets the children and the father can feel shut out. Sunday's Everyman programme (BBC1, 10.30pm) focuses on the problems of the non-custodial parent, who is often unaware of his rights. A special belpline will be in operation for two hours after the programme and on Monday, manned by Families Need Fathers, a voluntary organization which has been fighting for a fairer deal for fathers after divorce. Trevor Berry, chairman of FNF, says: "People are very Covent Garden, London green about the law, and WC2E 8RF (01-240 5760), getting advice from lawyers is often expensive. We will put them in touch with our members in different areas to offer making expert, and all materials will be provided. To book a place either write or telenumber is 01-886 0970.

Victoria McKee

Say it with bubbly

St Valentine's Day is only a week away and romance is in the air. You may already have made arrangements to send a message to a loved one through the columns of this newspaper. If not, there is still time to make a special gesture. In The Times on Saturday, Nicole Swengley suggests in-

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expensive Valentine presents which are romantic but not soppy. In the wine column Jane MacQuitty describes how best to send a Valentine message in a bottle. Champagne is the acknowledged accompaniment for celebrations, the most romantic of wines, and there is a particularly good pink champagne available. But all alcohol tends to make the blood race and MacQuitty has plenty of other vinous recommendations. And Robin Young looks at the tradition of food as an aphrodisiac. Oysters and figs should be on the Valentine menu - and even carrot and

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On the road to nowhere



Non-achiever: Frances Barber during rehearsals for My Heart's a Suitease at the Royal Court Theatre

In the days when the Royal Court could afford to run its Theatre Upstairs, Clare McIntyre's play Low Level Panic was given a first rate production there by the Women's Playhouse Trust and wen the Samuel Beckett Theatre Award. Her new play, My Heart's a Snitcase, starts previewing tomorrow in the main hoose with Frances Barber in the very contemporary role of Chris, a well-educated and intelligent woman who realizes at the age of 30 that she has gone nowhere and done nothing. The aimlessness of working in an Italian restaurant, carrying on a desultory affair with one of the waiters, suddenly overwhelms her and she takes off to Brighton in the company of a

friend (Sylvestra Le Touzel), another non-achiever but happier with it. In Low Level Punic three women sat around in a bathroom talking about sex or the lack of it; here the subject is money, and the lack of that, which should make the play hit home to all those who rubbed along on a low level income as students and never grew out of the habit. The director is Max Stafford-Clark and the setting of a barely furnished room in an elegant Regency house is by a new young designer, Anabel Temple. My Heart's a Saitcase. Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1 (01-730 1745). Previews from tomorrow 8pm, opens Jerenty Kingston February 13, 8pm. £4-£15.

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★ THE SUNDAYS: India favourites from

Bristol whose Reading, Writing and Arithmetic debut shot in to the chart two

weeks ago at No 4, a startling achievement even allowing for the soft state of the post-Christmas market. Blerkelber, All Saints St, Bristol (0272 268514), 7.30pm, £5.

The Princess of Wales (right),

Activity Centre at London's Natu-

ral History Museum today (see

listings). Concentrated in one pur-

pose-built area, the centre pro-

dally 10am-5pm, free, until Feb 17.

CONCERTS

★ MORE ARROGANCE: In the "Arrogant Genius" Richard Strauss series, Ashkenazy conducting the RPO in his Till Eulenspiegel and Horn Concerto No 2 with Schoenberg's Palless und Mélisande. Paliées und Mélisande. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30-9.15pm, £4.50-£20.

★ ALL RUSSIAN: Valery Gerglev conducts the BSO in Borodin's Prince Igor Overture, Rachmeninov's Piano Concerto No 1 and Shostakovich's Symphony No 5.

Wessex Hall, Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Rd, Poole (0202 685222), 7.30pm, £4.40-£10.20.

* ENLIGHTENED TRUMPETING: Trumpeters join the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment for works by dara, Heinrich and Carl Bieber St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, 25-£12.50.

A NOS 20 AND 21: The SNO under Leppard plays Mozart's Piano Concerto No 20 (Andrei Gavrilov, soloist) and Symphony No 21 and Dvořák's Symphony No 7. Caird Hasi, City Sq. Dundee (0382 202513), 7.30pm, £3.95-£11.70.

☆ FROM ROMANIA: The Athenaeum Quartet plays Haydn's Quartet Op 76 No 1 and Schubert's Quartet D 810 "Death and the Maiden". Wigmore Has, 36 Wigmore St. London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4-£7.

OPERA

* PRINCE IGOR: Andrei Serban's new production for the Royal Opera, now alas, without its full complement of dancers, but with Bernard Hartink conducting a resonant Russian cast led by Sergel Leiterkus. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 6.30-10.30cm, £4-£90.

★ LA TRAVIATA: Revival of David
Pourtney's challenging production for
English National Opera, now with Helen
Field as the Violetta.
Collegum, St Martin's Lane, London
WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £323.

☆ THE MERRY WIDOW: A new THE MICHATY WIDOW: A new production by Wilfred Judd starts Opera 80's tenth anniversary nationwide tour. Stephen Berlow conducts the young travelling cast with Heather Lorimer as the widow and Richard Halton as Danilo. Wyvern Theatra, Swindon (0793 524481), 7.30-10pm, £7 and £9.

* THE BARBER OF SEVILLE: Peter Knapp's young Travelling Opera brings its production to Guildford at the start of a two week season there. Yvonne Arasud Theatre, Guildford, Surrey (0483 60191), 7.30pm, £10.50-£13.

GALLERIES

JOSEPH WRIGHT OF DERBY (1734-1797: More than 100 portraits, landscapes and dramatic and original scenes of workmen and scientific experiments. Tate Gallery, Miliberk, London SW1 (01-821 7128), Mon-Sat 10em-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, £3, until April 22.

THERESE OULTON: Recent paintings whose imagery falls ambivalently between landscape and abstraction. Mariborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle St, London W1 (01-629 5161), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free,

LAURA GODFREY-ISAACS: As the new artist-in-resident at the Tate Gallery this painter opens her studio to the public on Wednesdays 3-5pm and on the first Saturday of the month 3-5pm.

Tate Gallery, Albert Dock, Liverpool Tate Gallery, Albert Dock, Liverpool (051 709 3223), Tues-Sun 11am-7pm, tree.

JOSE BUITRAGO: Paintings on canvas and steel which incorporate holograms

★ FAITH NO MORIE: Left field American heavy rockers touting the suitably titled, manic rap-rock single "Epic" taken from their estimable album The Real Thing. Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Rd, London WC2 (01-434 0403), 7.30pm, £7, for two

* TANITA TIKARAM: The precoclously talented Sweet Keeper with a tasts for Virginia Woolf and Leonard Cohen. Royal Court, 1 Roe St. Liverpool (051 709 4321), 7.30pm, £7.50.

☆ BOB DYLAN: Still an erratic live PR BUE DYLAN: Still an erratic live performer, but enjoying a popular and critical rehabilitation in the wake of last year's Oh Mercy, his best recorded effort of the Eightles. Hammeraralith Odeca, Queen Caroline St. London W6 (01-748 4081), 7.30pm, 215, also tomorrow.

JAZZ

☆ VIVA LA BLACK: Drummer Louis Moncic leads the abrasive Free-inclined quartet. Jezz Certe, 56 Newington Green, London N16 (01-359 4936), 8,30pm, £3. A HARRY STRUTTERS ORCHESTRA: An after noon session from the Hot Jazz ensambie. Willesden Green Library Centre, 95 High Rd, London NW10 (01-451 0294).

Som, £5 & concessions. ☆ FLORA PURIM & AIRTO: Final few days with the Latin double-act. Colin style support from the saxophorist, Alan Skidmore.

Alan Skidmore. Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St. London W1 (11-439 1747), 9.30pm, 210 (members 22). To Sat. * ART FARMER: Back for another tour. the mellifluous fluegelhorn-trumpet player is promoting his new album, *PhD*. Henous Phestaurant, 1 South St, Rochford (0702 541334), 7.30pm, 226

DANCE

including dinner.

★ DOUBLES: New production of Merce Cunningham's work for Rambert Dance Company. Theetr Chryd, Mold (0352 55114), 8pm, £6.50, £8.50.

☆ GISELLE: Premiere of Christopher Gable's production for Northern Ballet Theatre. City Hell, Sheffield (0742 735295), 7.30pm, 25-28.50.

★ UniON DANCE: Opening of Spring Loaded season of new work by small. companies. The Piace, Dukes Rd, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8pm, £6.

★ KARIN VYNCKE: Belgian dancer in ICA Theatre, The Mail, London SW1 (01-930 3647), 8pm, 25.60, £6.60.

OTHER EVENTS

CHINESE NEW YEAR EXHIBITION: An Introduction to the popular traditions and customs of the Chinese New Year, told through displays of stories, myths, artefacts. Chinese food, handicrafts and

arteracts, Chinese 1000, Insulation and workshops. Chinese Community Centre, (second floor) Gerard St, London W1. Until Sun, daily 11am-Spm. Free.

CAMPING AND LEISURE SHOW: More than 300 exhibitors at this large show which occupies most of the centre. All the latest information and advice about different leisure activities.

SECC, Glasgow. Until Sun, today until Sat 11am-9pm, Sun 11am-7pm. Adult 23.50. Child 50p. PLEASE TOUCHE See picture, below

Natural History Museum, Cromwell Rd, London SW7 (01-938 9123). Activity Centre open Mon-Set 10.30am-5pm. Sun 1.15-5.15pm. Museum admission adult £2.50, child £1.25. CREATIVE EYE: An exhibition of stylish

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TALKS

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD: In SEVEN WORLD: In the WORLD: In the sixth lecture in the series, Margaret Oliphant talks on the Hanging Gardens of Babylon.
British Museum, Assyrian Besement Lecture Theatre, Great Russell St, London (01-636 1555), 1.15pm, free.

KING'S LECTURE: Wilfrid Mellers talks RUNUTO LEST LUNE: WHITE MERRY TAR on Leonore and Fidelio: the Female Principle and the Democratic Hero. Klad's College, University of London, Strand, London WC2 (01-836 5454), 5pm, free.

MARIANNE WIGGINS: The author of MARIANNE: WARLINGS THE BURNOT OF John Dollar, a novel set in Rangoon in 1918, talks to William Golding and George Steiner. ICA, The Mail, London SW1 (01-930

()493), 1pm, tree. MUSEUM TALK: David Culturn talks bout London's weather pattern, past

and present. Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2, 1.10pm, free. PORTRAIT LECTURE: Dr Malcolm Rogers, deputy director of the National Portrait Gallery, talks on 17th-century portraits at Duiwich Picture Gallery. Detwich Picture Gallery, College Rd, London SE21 (01-639 5254), 8pm, £4.

WALKS

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LONDON'S THEATRELAND PAST AND PRESENT: Meet Holborn tube, 2pm, 23.50 (01-658 4019).

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BOOKINGS FIRST CHANCE

POLAND'S LAST ROMANTIC: Series of concerts featuring works of Karol Szymanowski, including concert performance in Polish of the opera King Roger: Merch 3-June 6. South Bunk Concert Hells, London SET (01-926 8800). Phone booking from

BARBICAN IN MARCH: Programma includes Gershwin evening, Harry Bleck eligibleth birthday and Royal Liverpool Philharmonic 150th birthday gala concerts, Aldeburgh gala concert, Charles Groves 75th birthday, Schnittle celebrations, and Mariano Torres and Camino Flemenco Spanish Dance Co. Also London Savoyards in costumed performance of H.M.S. Plantore, and Choral Masterplece series.

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ENO SUBSCRIPTION SERIES: Booking for March-June with new productions of Verdi's Macbeth and Clarissa based on Richardson novel; also The Gambler, Artadne on Naxos, and The Marriage of *Figero* (revivals). Subscription booking closes Feb 16. Collseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 0111).

LAST CHANCE

M.BUTTERFLY: Final performances of David Henry Hwang play with Peter Egen, directed by John Dexter. Shaftesbury Theetre, Shaftesbury Ave, Leader WC 1/21 270 50000.

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Theatre: Jeremy Kineston: Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival: Galleries David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw, Other Events: Judy Froshaug, Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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Pennies for your thoughts

Peter Waymark

• A reader urges me to campaign for more revivals of television classics, starting with Maigret. I gladly pass on the idea and meanwhile commend the rerun of Dennis Potter's Pennies From Heaven (BBC2, 9.00pm) which has so etched itself on my memory that I was surprised to realize it was first transmitted as long ago as 1978, when Mrs Thatcher was a mere leader of the Opposition and Bob Hoskins still had hair. What particularly stays in the mind is Potter's use of jaunty Thirties dance



Peddling dreams: Bob Hoskins as the sheet music salesman (BBC2, 9.00pm)

numbers as an ironic counterpoint to the story of a sheet music salesman (Hoskins) trying to escape reality by living and peddling dreams. As Hoskins drives west towards Potter's Forest of Dean and romance with a pretty schoolteacher (Cheryl Campbell), his wife (Gemma Craven) has her own dreams, a suburban housewife transformed into Gertrude Lawrence. Though Potter had foreshadowed the device in a previous play, getting the characters to mime and dance to the songs was bold and startling. Anticipating The Singing Detective and to an extent, Blackeyes, Pennies is more accessible than either in that it (more or less) offers a single narrative with a beginning, a middle and an end. But nothing in Potter is entirely straightforward. If one theme of Pennies is fantasy versus reality, another is the contrast between the tangible Thirties world of art deco, Camp Coffee and class snobberies and a semi-mystical force represented by the Accordion Man (Kenneth Colley). A "gentleman of the road" striking up hymn tunes on his squeeze box, he is a disturbing figure, out of time and place, defying explanation.

• In El C.I.D. (ITV, 9.00pm) Alfred with an unhappy knack of landing up in hospital and John Bird a disenchanted paper-shuffler in the Scotland Yard records department. By way of a running joke about the location of Matlock and another joke about an informer called Maurice (Mo the grass) they decide to leave their unrewarding lives in the Metropolian Police for the pleasures of the Costa Del Sol. Billed as a comedy drama, El C.I.D. is somewhat short on both, though Bird squeezes what laughs he can and there is the makings of an enjoyable performance from Kenneth Cranham as a one-armed villain (I suppose I should have said bandit).

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TELEVISION & RADIO

6.00 Coefax. 6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchelf and Laurie Mayer. headlines; includes regular news headlines business news; sports bulletins

business regular news bulletins; business news; sports bulletins; regional news; weather and travel information; plus a look at the morning newspapers with Paul Callan 8.55 Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. The Junior Minister for Health, Roger Freeman, takes viewers' calls on last night's programmes, Taking Liberties and Food and Drink, which exami**the problem of listeria.**

9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilory-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject studio discussion on a topical subject
10.00 News and weather followed by
Going for Gold (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, presented by
Simon Paridn, begins with Playdays
10.50 Roobarb narrated by
Richard Briers (r) 10.55 Five to
Eleven. Catherine Griller with a

reading
11.00 News and weather followed by
Open Air. Jayne Irving and Earnonn Holmes are joined by presenter
David Jessel and the editor of BBC's
Food and Drink to discuss the
health worries raised in last night's
Taking Liberties. Plus music from
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12.60 News and weather followed by
Daytime Live. Alan Titchmarsh and
Judi Spiers are joined by actress
Jean Boht, who talks about her
involvement with the organization
Parents for Safe Food 12.55
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1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather

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Neighbours. An uproor finally
breaks out over baby Jessie, leaving
Bronwyn feeling guilty and Todd
thinking the whole world is against
him; and Jane Mangel is
suspicious when Joe starts moving
the furniture around. (Ceefax) 1.50 Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz 2.15 Knots Landing. Lilimae is entangled in a web of deceit and lies

leaving an innocent man suspected of murder 3.05 Primetime. Sheila McClennon meets Ruth Murray, an avid campaigner for the protection of badgers, and visits her animal sanctuary near Exeter. Presented by David Jacobs 3.40 Cartoon

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Double Bill (r)
3.50 Fireman Sam (r) 4.00 Mick and
Mac. With Michael Barrymore and
David Jarvis 4.10 SuperTed
4.20 Jackanory. Michael Williams
with part three of Alison Prince's
How's Business 4.35 Teenage
Mutant Hero Turtles. Animated

5.00 Newsround 5.10 Little Str Nicholas. The final episode in the series and the search for

Nicholas continues
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Stx O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 Newsroom South East
7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include
Lisa Stansfield
7.35 Family Matters: Aids in Schools.
Joanna Kaye visits a school in which children are carrying the Aids virus and talks to two adopted HIV-positive children whose parents take opposing views on whether or not the children's identities should be kept secret

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Dallas: Fathers and Other
Strangers. Miss Ellie and Clayton are
amazed when they finally unravel
the mystery of the key. (Ceefax)
Points of View presented by Anne
Robinson 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn

Lewis. Regional news and weather 9.30 Q.E.D: Welcome to Fat Camp. A documentary following three young people attending Camp Shane, where American parents take their overweight children to be treated for their addictions to junk food. (Ceefax) 10.00 Sportsnight. Steve Rider

10.00 Sportsnight. Steve Rider introduces action from the Benson and Hedges Masters snocker tournament from the Wembley Conference Centre and there is a preview of this summer's football World Cup in Italy

11.25 Dogs Bodies: Breeding for Health or Beauty? Is this country's dog-breeding policy indifferent to the health and well-being of man's best friend? Geneticist Malcolm Williss armives that the British allow

Willis argues that the British allow fashion rather than health to dictate the way our dogs are bred 12.05am Weather

6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain, presented by Richard Keys and, from 7,90, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. Includes news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After Nine features Dr George Dodd who discusses the power of perfume 9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game 9.53 Thamses News and weather

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regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather

12.10 Altsorts. For the young 12.30
Home and Away. Martin tries to end his relationship with Learne but she misunderstands completely

1.00 News at One with John Surbely 1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.20 Themes News and weather 1.30 Santa Barbara. Followed by Crimestoppera

2.00 Look Good, Feel Great. In the first
edition of this new series Bob Hall,

Anne Davies, Diana Moran and Kate Sturgess Investigate the latest American fads and fashions in the world of health, fitness and beauty 2.30 Take the High Road. Can Sneddon and Claire keep their

secret?
3.00 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity
game show hosted by Denny Baker
3.25 Thames News and weather
3.30 Coronation Street. A repeat of 3.30 Coronation Street. A repeat of Monday's episode
4.60 Wowser. Adventures of a shaggy dog 4.15 Rolf's Cartoon Club. The theme of this week's programme is dogs 4.40 Mr Majelka. A babysitting job at Hallowe'en causes problems for Mr Majelka.

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5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge
quiz for sixth-formers
5.40 News with Nicholas Owen.
Weather
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.25 Thames News and weather
6.50 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley
with information on a new
organization London Youth
Adventure

dventure 7.00 This Is Your Life presented by

Michael Aspel
7.30 Coronation Street. Mike Beldwin 7-30 Coronation Street. Mike Beldwin wants to know who's trying to upset his critical business deal, and winy. (Oracle)
8.00 No Job for a Lady: Who Goes Home? First episode in a new sixpart comedy series starring Penelope Keith as a Labour MP
8.30 The Ronn Lucas Show. Top American ventrilloquist Ronn Lucas hosts a new series of six half-

hosts a new series of six half-hour variety shows. In tonight's show he introduces the tap-dancing Clark Brothers and Michel Lauziere, the amazing "man in a balloon", plus comedy impressionist Peter

9.00 El C.I.D: Copping Out. (Oracle) (see Choice)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Trevor McDonald. Weather 10.30 Thames News and

10.35 Thames Classic Snooker. The winner of tonight's three-frame final will receive the William Hill Trophy and £2,500, plus the chance to double his prize money if he can beat World Champion Steve Davis 12.00 Film: Last Video and Testament (1984) starring Deborah Raffin, Oliver Tobias and David Langton, An electronics expert learns that his wife has been unfaithful and fakes his own death, threatening that he will "return" with the help of his electronic gadgets to take his

revenge. Directed by Peter Sasdy

1.30am Stories in the Night. The
series which examines the
paranormal focuses tonight on
psychic healing.

2.00 News headlines followed by
Videofasthen. A look at the latest
feeblor trade in London Design

viceorasized. A look at the latest fashion trends in London, Paris, Milan, New York and Los Angeles

2.30 America's Top Ten

3.00 Friday the 13th. Hallowe'en.
Danger threatens when the ghost of Uncle Lewis returns on Hallowen intent on murder.

Halloween, intent on murder.
4.00 News headlines followed by

Rallycross
4.30 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsreels
5.00 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at 6.00

SBC 2 7.10 Open University: Managing Schools 7.35 Close 8.00 News 8.15 Westminster

9.00 Ceefax
9.30 Daytime on Two: sports using natural forces 9.50 German for natural forces 9.50 German for beginners 10.05 For the vary young 10.20 Science: structures 10.40 Disabled children in Scotland 11.00 Learning to read 11.15 Watrus 11.35 Managing schools 12.10 The science of fuels 12.30 A young man leaves home after a family row 12.55 Effective communication 1.20 Bertha 1.40 The Odyssey

2.00 News and weather followed by a story for children
2.15 Racing from Ascot. Julian Wilson introduces live coverage of the 2.30, 3.05 and 3.35 races. The commentators are Peter O'Sullevan and Richard Pitman. Includes news and weather at 2.55 and 3.50
4.00 Country File (r)

4.25 International Snocker. Further coverage of the Benson and Hedges Masters 5.00 Film 90 with Barry Norman (r)

5.30 Holiday 90 (r). (Ceefax) 6.00 DEF II begins with The Invaders Adventure series starring Roy Thinnes (r) 6.50 Reportage 7.35 Rapido. The special guest is Michael Hutchence, Australian star of INXS and Max Q, seen recording in Sydney. Plus a special session from beat poet/performer Allen Ginsberg in New York City 8.05 Bookmark: Miron Grinden's

BOOKINGATE MITCH CARNOCE'S
Adam. A celebration of the life and
work of 81-year-old Miron
Grindea, the Romanian extile who
edited the outstanding literary magazine Adam 9.00 Pennies from Heaven: Down

Summyside Lane. (r) (see Choice) 10.15 A Wake for Sam. The special season of classic works by Samuel Beckett continues with Not I, a short play depicting fregments from the fife of a 70-year-old woman, using the stunning visual effect of a disembodied mouth. Billie Whitelaw, whose mouth it is, introduces the performance (r)

10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show. Michael ignatieff chairs a discussion on the issues raised by last night's Salman Rushdie lecture 11.55 Weather

12.00 Open University: The Planet Earth — A Scientific Model 1225am Open Forum Magazine. Ends at 12.55

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6.00 The Channel Four Daily 9.25 Schools 9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme
introduced by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily presented by
Susannah Simons

Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school
learning series
2.00 The Carers. The final programme
in this Open College series on carers.
Today they attend a training
course on violence and aggression at
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course on violence and aggression work (r). (Oracle)

2.30 Beyond the Dream. The story of Roman Catholics who arrived in America in 1845 and suffered religious persecution

3.30 Mauvals Esprit. Puppet animation

3.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah discusses with single women the pros and cons of dating married man

4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is

Linda Keen. The questionmas Richard Whiteley assisted by Lance Percival 5.00 Pob Goes to Hospital. For the

young
5.30 Country Ways. Sussex's South
Downs Way, presented by Jim Flegg
(r). (Oracle)
6.00 Stamp of Greatness. The story of
Bedrich Smetans — the tather of Czech music — who struggled for musical recognition in the Austro-

Hungarian empire 6.30 A Different World. American campus comedy series
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 Party Political Comment from a
Scottish National Party politician.

Scotosh National Party poeticals.
Followed by Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Frank is forced to admit that he's promised to join the work's co-op. (Oracle)
8.30 Dispatches. If universities and colleges become more market orientated, as the Greenment.

orientated, as the Government would like, will it mean a threat to standards of higher education?

9.15 Signals: The Day the Music Dies? The conductor Jane Glover investigates the future of music aducation

10.00 Film: Little Vera (1988) starring Natalya Negoda as a young woman who drifts into casual sex, drink and aimless jobs — all to free herself from the boredom of tamily life in a dull industrial port. Directed by Vasili Pichul. (In Russian with

12.30am Buygones. Selections from the Cub X series 1.00 Al Jameau recorded in Milan in 1983 (r). Ends at 2.10

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Your Life 10.40 First Edition 11.10 Equalizer 12.00
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SKY ONE

5.00mm International Business Report
5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 The
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10.00 The New Price is Right 10.30 The
Young Doctors 11.00 Sky by Day 12.00
Another World 1.00pm As the World Turns
2.00 Loving 2.30 A Problem Shared
3.00 Here's Lucy 3.30 Dennis the Menace
3.45 Captain Caveman 4.00 The New
Leave It to Beaver 5.00 Sky Star Search
6.00 The New Price is Right 6.30 Sale
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SKY MOVIES

From 8.00mm The Shopping Channel 2.00pm Home Sweet Homeless: The head of a family is made redundant 3.00 Little Miss Perfect: A young girl attempts to live up to her mother's expectations
4.00 Yabba Dabba Doo Celebration:

Animated fun with the Flintstones 6.00 Sacred Ground (1983): A wilderness adventurer decides to settle on a sacred Indian burial ground sacred Indian burial ground
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Snag (1988): Phoebe Cates enjoys
a forbidden weekend at the beach
9.40 At the Pictures: Cinema releases
10.00 The Man Who Broke 1,000
Cheins (1987): A man, unjustly jailed, makes
a bid for freedom. With Val Kilmer
11.55 For Those I Loved — Part Two
11982: Rased on the real-life wartime (1982): Based on the real-life wartime experiences of Polish Jew Martin Gray 2 30am A Sense of Freedom: Story of Jimmy Boyle, Glasgow gangster turned

4.00 The Bounty (1984): With Anthony Hopkins and Mel Gibson. Ends at 6.05am

EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One 8.30 Menu 9.00 Basketball 11.00 Motor Sport 12.00 Indoor Supercross 1.00pm Horse Show 2.00 World Championship of Motor Sport 3.00
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Football: Real Madrid v Mallorca 5.00
Golf: The Jamaica Classic 6.00 Indoor
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6.00mm Kristiane Backer 10.30 At the Movies 11.00 Remote Control 11.30 Club MTV 12.00 Kristiane Backer 1.00pm Marcel Vanthilt 3.00 Non-Stop Pure Pop 4.00 3 from 1 4.15 Marcel Vanthilt 4.30 Coca-Cola Report 4.45 Marcel Vanthilt 5.00 Remote Control 5.30 Ray Cokes 7.00 United Nations of House 7.30 Club MTV 8.00 At the Movies 8.30 US Top 20 10.00 Coca-Cota Report 10.15 Maiken Wexo 1.00am Videos

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6.55 Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Walton (Overture, Portsmouth Point: LPO under Leonard Station); Vaughan Williams (Mercless Beauty: Members of the Endellion String Quartet); Elgar (Three Bavarian Dances: English String Orchestra under William Boughton)
7.35 Grétry, arr and ed Beecham (Ballet music, Zémire et Azor: RPO under Beecham); Granados (Plano Quintet in G minor: Alberni String Quartet, with Thomas Rajna, piano); Dvořák (Zastihou gazelou "Armida": Munich Radio Orchestra under Sottsaz); Samuel Wesley (Symphony No 5 in A: European Community Counder Jörg Faerber)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Haydn — Music of the 1780s. Trio in C minor, H XV 13 (Erich Höberth, violin, Christophe Coin, cello, Patrick Cohen, fortepiano); I Thirst "The Seven Last Words": (Academy of St Martin-In-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Quartet in C, Op 54 No 2 (Gabriel Quartet); Father, into Thy Hands The Earthqualte "The Seven Last Words": (Academy of St Martin-In-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Quartet in C, Op 54 No 2 (Gabriel Quartet); Father, into Thy Hands The Earthqualte "The Seven Last Words": (Academy of St Martin-In-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Quartet in C, Op 54 No 2 (Gabriel Quartet); Father, into Thy Hands The Earthqualte "The Seven Last Words": (Academy of St Martin-In-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Quartet in C, Op 54 No 2 (Gabriel Quartet); Father, into Thy Hands The Earthqualte "The Seven Last Words": (Academy of St Martin-In-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Quartet in C, Op 54 No 2 (Gabriel Quartet); Father, into Thy Hands The Earthqualte "The Seven Last Words": (Academy of St Martin-In-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Quartet in C, Op 54 No 2 (Gabriel Quartet); Father, into Thy Hands The Earthqualte "The Seven Last Words": (Academy of St Martin-In-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Quartet in C, Op 54 No 2 (Gabriel Quartet); Father, into Thy Hands The Earthqualte "The Seven Last Words": (Academy of St Martin-In-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Quartet in C, O

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Ozawa); Mozart (Sinfonia
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Karajan, with Karl Steins,
oboe, Herbert Steins,
clarinet, Norbert
Hauptmann, horn,
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Braun, bassoon); Planquette
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RADIO 3 excarpts: Paris Opéra-Comique Chorus and Orchestra under Jean Doussard, with Mady Mesplé, soprano, Bernard Sinclair, baritone); J.C. Bach (Sonata in E fat, Op 5 No 4: Ingrid Heabler, forteplano); Coleridge-Taylor (Petite suite de concert, Op 77: Philhamponia under

sign hasbes, interpaintly, Coleridge-Taylor (Petite suite de concert, Op 77: Philinarmonia under Weldon); William Alwyn (Lyra angelica, Concerto for harp and string orchestra: LPO under William Alwyn, with Oslan Ellis, harp); Hachmaninov (Come Let Us Rest, Op 26 No 3: Elsabeth Söderstrom, soprano, Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano) 1.00pm News 1.05 Concert Hell: Live from the BBC Concert Hell: London. Alexander Bailfie, cello, and Ronan O'Hora, plano, perform Schumann (Fantasy Pieces, Op 73); Beethoven (Sonata in A, Op 69); Schumarn (Adagio and Allegro, Op 70) 2.06 Record Review (r) 3.10 Vintage Years: Ataulfo Argenta conducts Debussy (Par les rues et par les chemins "Ibéria": Swiss Romande Orchestra); Rodrigo (Concerto de Aranjuez: Spanish National Orchestra, with Narciso Yepes, guitar); Ernesto Hallfiter (Adagio "Simfonietta": Spanish National Orchestra, with Narciso Yepes, guitar); Ernesto Hallfiter (Adagio "Simfonietta": Spanish National Orchestra; Spanish National Orchestra; Potonal Evensong: Live from Cantarbury Catthedra!

6.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Fritz Spiegl 7.05 Third Ear with Robert Hewison
7.30 SNO under Neeme Järvi, with Lydia Mordkovitch, violin, performs
Shostakovich (Violin Concerto No 2); Mahler (Symphony No 5), Incl 8.05 Interval Reading
9.35 Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez performs Bartók (Contrasts); Messieen (Le Merle noir); Stravinsky (Suite, L'Histotre du soldati; Schoenberg, arr Webern (Chember Symphony No 1), incl 10.15 Interval Reading
10.45 The Baptism, by Guy de Maupassant, Read by Anton Lesser (r) 7.05 Third Ear with Robert

Maupassant. Read by Anto Lesser (r)

11.00 Composers of the Week: Alan Rawsthorne and Malcolm Williamson (r) 12.00 News 12.05am Close

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5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
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6.10 Farming Today 6.25
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6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
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10.00 News; Gardeners' Question
Time (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Technical
Difficulties, by Clare Boylan.
Read by Eleanor Bron
10.45 Daily Service
11.00 News; The Wednesday
Feature: The Countryside in
Winter. Tracing the rural
roots of perfumer making,
Mollie Harris visits the
Cotswold Perfumery and
discovers some of its
creative secrets
11.47 One Niight at the Opera: In
the last programme of the
series, actress Fenella
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12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard

12.25pers Out of Order: Patrick Hannan chairs a light-hearted political quiz. The two teams are captained by MPs Austin Mitchell and Julian Critichley. Last programme in the series (a)

12.65 Weather

1.00 The World at One with James Neughtie James Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

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2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
Presented by Jenni Murray.
Includes a discussion on the way citizenship is taught in our schools; an item on the lazz and blues singer Hope Augustus; a feature on Teeth Relief — the dental programme now rurning in Zembie; and the history of the Motiey Theatre Design Group is traced, with the assistance of Sir John assistance of Sir John
Gleigurd and Hayden Griffin
3.00 News; Carnival King; Play
by Bruce Bedford. The
locals of a Somerset village
pub are assisted in their
attempts to win the annual
Carnival Cup by an astute
Londoner. With James
Grout as Derek Simmons
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RADIO 4 3.47 Time for Verse: The first of five programmes in which Alexis Lickyard Interviews poet Kit Wright about his life and poetry

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4.00 News
4.05 File on 4 with reporter Linda
Alexander (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: A Year
in Hiding, Paul Allen
exemines the Issues
surrounding Salman
Rushdie's exile (s)
5.00 PM with Hugh Sykes and
Frances Coverdale 5.50
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6.30 Round British Quiz: Cheired by Louis Alien (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts with John Waite Waite 7-45 Medicine Now with Geoff 7.45 Medicine Now with Geoff Watts (r)
8.15 Classes Apart?: Series comparing the lives and fortunes of three families living in Somerset (r)
8.45 Will You Still Love Me? (new series): Over-stoties from around Britain talk frankly about love and relationships amongst the older

around Britain talk frankly about love and relationships amongst the older generation (s) (see Choice)

9.15 Kaleidoscope: Jim Hilley reviews A Clockwork Orange at the Barbican Theatre; Duncan Bull on the Wright of Derby exhibition at the Tate Gallery; and an item on the Asian production of Tartuffe at the National Theatre (s)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight with Alexander MacLeod

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Love Lessons, by Joan Wyndham (3 of 10) (s)

11.00 Sweet and Low-Down: Robert Cushman gives a personal view of New York cabaret and American popular song (s) (see Choice)

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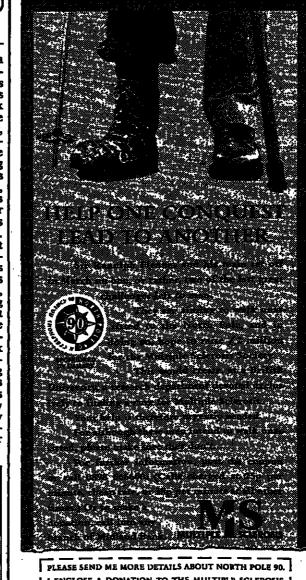
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● Will You Still Love Me?, a four-part series starting to-night (Radio 4, 8.45pm) is concerned with the pleasures and pains we can either look forward to, or dread, in the autumn of our lives. Yet, paradoxically, it is the brainchild of a team catering to the interests of those still enjoying their springtime — the BBC's Youth Programmes Unit, though I admit the paradox is less dramatic if you consider that the seedling of today is the gnarled oak of tomorrow. This pastoral train of thought is reinforced by tonight's inaugural programme which is about the sexual relationships of the over-sixties. Implicitly, it pooh-poohs what Browning says on the subject: "What Youth deemed crystal, Age finds out was dew/Morn set asparkle, but which noon quick dried." Most of tonight's ven-erable witnesses, discussing their most intimate secrets with a degree of frankness usually found only in sexually uninhibited youngsters, draw attention to the sparkling crys-tals that still adorn their marriage bed.



the greats (Radio 4, 11.00pm) • As always, I recommend

Sweet and Low-Down (Radio 4, 11.00pm), Robert Cushman's eulogies to popular American song. This final edition gets around, at last, to Frank Sinatra, one of songdom's greatest stylists.



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ountess Mountbatten of Barma meeting some of the twins, triplets and quadruplets at an appeal yesterday for funds for a headquarters for the Multiple Births Foundation, Britain's rolessional support group for families with twins and higher-order births. They met in the car park of the Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, west Loudon, where the head-as building will rise. From left, the McLeod triplets of Harrow, the Taylor twins of Hackney and the Cummins triplets of Ealing, and the Olufunwa quadruplets from Golders Green.

Thatcher confirms readiness to review military strategy

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government's readiness to consider changes in the military strategy of Britain and the Nato alliance in response to the changes in Eastern Europe was confirmed yesterday by the Prime Min-ister and by Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence.

Mr King told the Commons that the changes, which the Government hoped would endure, "do offer the prospect of economies and the prospect of changes in our defence arrangements". Mrs Thatcher look at changes in strategy and later gave what MPs saw as the first sign of a softening in her stance on the modernization of short-range nuclear weapons in Europe, the issue which threatened a major Nato split

short-range weapons trained on East Germany to be modemized at a time when they were struggling for democracy that "the changes and negotiations that are taking place will require some difference in the weapons we need".

Whitehall sources said later that Mrs Thatcher was acknowledging the need to

Hurd urges caution.

defence requirements in the light of changing events.

But MPs detected in her remarks and those of Mr King a shift of emphasis away from initial responses to the Soviet st year.

She told a Labour MP who force reductions.

The Times disclosed last week that Mrs Thatcher is heading an informal group of ministers who are assessing the way ahead for Nato in the light of the diminishing threat from the nations of the War-

The group, whose existence has since been confirmed by government sources, is understood to be turning their attention to other areas of potential trouble for the West and considering more flexible multi-purpose roles for Britain's forces.

Mr King said yesterday:
"We need to keep under review the changes that are taking place. There is not some quick trick ... there is not some smart answer."

Mrs Thatcher again empha-

reunification of Germany, suggesting that there should be "considerable" transition

But she said that this would enable Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, to meet without difficulty the obligations required under Nato, the Helsinki agreement and the four-power agreement on Berlin. Mr Michael Latham, Cons-

ervative MP for Rutland and Melton, said that a unified Germany now seemed not only inevitable but imminent. He said that that would have enormous implications

for western defence policy, requiring detailed, radical and possibly uncomfortable cons-

● LONDON: The Government has protested to South Africa about the expulsion of two British journalists over their coverage of the rebel cricket tour, the Prime Min-

More concessions made by Pretoria

to the chairs and tables, and kick and say 'I'm not coming " Dr Boesak said. "However, he will warn them that, if the conditions are not met, he will be obliged to issue a statement about them on his release." If Dr Boesak's statements reflect Mandela's views accurately, they appear to remove the last political obstacles to his freedom.

Mr Walter Sisulu, who returned home yesterday from visits to Zambia, Tanzania and Scandinavia, with other recently freed ANC leaders, said: "We consider De Klerk's speech a progressive step, but unfortunately there were some half measures.

"We see no reason why Nelson Mandela was not released..." The armed struggle would continue.

terday (Philip Webster writes). But she angered opposition MPs by relaying, without comment, Pretoria's stated reasons for expelling them. Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said it showed "just how much of an apologist for apartheid she has become".

Mrs Thatcher said: "We support the freedom of the ress and we have told the South African authorities that we regret these expulsions." Later she repeated South

Africa's explanation that one man entered the country as a tourist and failed to get the necessary journalists' visa and permit, and the other gave a first-person account of an anti-tour demonstration at Johannesburg airport at which he had not been present.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said: "It comes to something when the Prime Minister uses the despatch box to relay the South African Government's

Commons sketch

The MP with time for the other side

I was miles away yesterday, pondering the strange case of the MP who began to see the other man's point of view.

His name is Michael Latham; he is the Tory MP for Rutland and Melton; and he has just made one of the most remarkable statements ever heard from an MP of sound mind and healthy

Quietly, Mr Latham has announced that he will not be standing at the next election. He will join the tiny band of MPs who quit voluntarily, young, untouched by scandal, and without a knighthood.

Why is he going? Let us have it in his own words.

"To fight the party battle," he says, you must be partisan. "It makes them tick." And him? This is the remarkable bit.

"Frankly," he says "I have found myself thinking there is a lot to be said for other points of view.

"A certain amount of the zest one needs for this job has gone. One cannot really do the job properly without that zest and that political fire. I have to say that, frankly, I do not regard myself as a very good politician ... "

Now, before the Labour Party claim to have effected Mr Latham's partial conversion to socialism, let me explain what I believe my old colleague means.

He does not mean he has concluded that his party is wrong and the opposing party right. Still less does he mean that the right answer lies somewhere half way between the two. He means that he is heartily sick of the whole "right vs. wrong" dogfight, and sick of pretending that he knows the answers at all. Mr Latham is suffering from a new illness which experts are only now beginning to recognize and diagnose: ideo-logical M.E. It is probably

terminal. Could it spread? The effects. at Westminster, could be cataclysmic.

Take Prime Minister's Questions, yesterday, when Mrs Thatcher and Mr Kinnock discussed the schools inspectors' report.

This report," Mr Kinnock might say, "is good in parts. But it does suggest that we've a little way to go yet. Or have I misread it?"

"Hm," replies the PM, reflectively, "Well, yes and no. As you say, Neil, we haven't ironed out all the problems. But - as you'd be first to admit - the inspectors found much to praise."

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"Sure, Maggie, but - as know you'd want to acknowl edge - they had some harsh things to say, too. Not all your fault, I realize: frankly, education began to go off the rails during the last Labour Government..."

"Oh come, Neil. Some of it is our fault. I think everyone accepts we've driven the teachers spare with all the socalled 'reforms' we've been throwing at them ...

"Too modest, Prime Minister. These changes had to come. Without your courage and resolution ... "Oh, it's not been down to

me, Neil. I've got a wonderful the Opposition has done a splendid job, too, keeping us all on our toes ...? You may be surprised to

hear that it did not go quite thus. What actually happened was this ...
Mr Kinnock called the schools' inspectors' report a

damning indictment Mrs Thatcher replied that most schools were satisfac-tory and the inspectors had given a better summary than Mr Kinnock. So sucks.

The Labour leader went absolutely bananas and shouted that if only two thirds of schooling was satisfactory that meant that a third of it was "lousy". Why didn't she "tell the whole truth?

The Prime Minister retorted that it was a "good report". So knickers. Mr K got even angrier. Children were "being be-trayed" and she did not care.

Mrs T said that at least the inspectors were able to keep their fluff on ... And so on. Later, someone hurled a notebook down from,

the public gallery, aimed (it seemed) at the Chief Whip. While I write, the air above Westminster is thick with insults, as Michael Latham MP picks up his little knapsack and trudges sadly off towards the Rutland sunset. He had become (he sighed

last week) "far too bland". **Matthew Parris**

Strikers 'jeopardize' Ford in

By Kevin Eason Motoring Correspondent

Ford last night gave a warning av £10 million a da could mean the end of vital investment in its 21 British

Britain's biggest car company is taking a firm stand against 2,300 striking crafts- deal of 18.2 per cent over two men who are refusing to accept its two-year pay deal ballot by a majority of the against the wishes of the rest hourly-paid workforce

talks with leaders of the two main unions involved in the disputes, the electricians' and the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

He pointed out that the pay years was accepted in a secret ballot by a majority of the

of the 32,000 workforce. Mr throughout Ford. Yet, while of Ford chiefs in Europe and John Hougham, Ford's direc- 93 per cent of the employees the United States who autor of personnel, said last were manning production thorize investment that may Ford last night gave a warning that wildcat strikes costing the Spain, there would be no new — the craftsmen and electric say in the dispute. tricians - were causing widespread disruption, including 13,000 lay-offs in Britain and

> Mr Hougham emphasized: There will be no new negotiations. There will be no separate deals with any individual

However, it is the attitude quarters in America.

Mr Hougham said: "A major consideration is what this

credibility as a car manufacturer. It affects the attitude of people who make investment decisions" - meaning Ford executives in Britain. Europe and at the company's head

Flooding forecast to hit the South today

happened to them or the boat. Divers have been down to the spot where the

crab pots were but have found nothing." The Government and the European Commission are providing more cash for repairs. The EC is adding £200,000 to the £600,000 it has already donated from a

disaster fund of £2.4 million and the

Government is to activate an emergency

windy, up to gale force in exposed places. Severe gales are possible on some southern or western coasts. Extreme north England, and Northern Ireland, will be rainy with dry spells. Scotland should be bright but with a few showers and with more widespread wet and windy weather later in the day.

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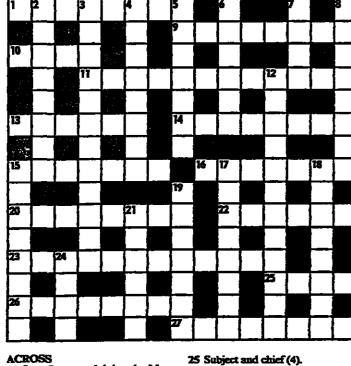
in the Severn Valley. Mr David Hunt, Minister for Local Government and Inner Cities, said he was "dismayed" by what he saw in Gloucestershire.

However, Lord Sanderson of Bowden, the Minister of State at the Scottish Office, told Scottish MPs that there would be no short-term financial aid for domestic repairs for families with damwere open but rail services in the Highlands were disrupted.

In England water was still blocking the 1 east-bound carriageway of the A303 east of Andover in Hampshire. Cookham, Berkshire, was cut off.

Police in Southampton interviewed three roofers over allegations of card-

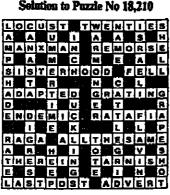
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- 1 Stop first man joining the May-
- 9 Told this is the way to catch (8). 10 No end of room on this farm (4). 11 Once it was standard to put a small light in front of shipping
- 13 She's making a concession 14 Nettle appears to cause skin re-

hazards (5,3,4).

- 15 Strange Scottish but, dilapidated
- and rough (7). 16 Heavy mass of mineral in explo-
- 20 Together, hold all types of legal
- proceeding (8).
- 22 African poet in the army (6). 23 Held counters arranged in combinations (12).



- 26 Put up with return of guardian (5-3)
- 27 Appear to secure replacement for shop premises (8).
- 2 Unpopular adult is left behind
- 3 Oilcloth does produce a distinc-
- tive accessory (3,6,3). 4 I'm not disheartened about long
- hair pervading everywhere (8). 5 Earth is better than sticky fluid
- 6 Money for a junket is raised (6). 7 Did she rage somewhat at her husband's infidelities? (4).
- 8 Street is getting bigger (8). 12 Menial woman got into fight after some drink (6-6).
- A Continental breed sounds as if it's not hunted here (8). The rain fell freely round this modern protagonist (4-4).

 18 Capital pudding out of a tin,
- perhaps (8). 19 Measurement of loudness of badly-delivered song is acceptable (7).
- 21 Passage said to be of benefit to Nozh? (6). 24 There's a style about this picture

Concise crossword, page 20

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? AA ROADWATCH For the latest AA traffic and roadworks information, 24-

By Philip Howard

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Shares on the slide

Share prices on both sides of the Atlantic slid yesterday as investors worried about this week's US bond auction. An early 25-point Dow Jones fall saw the FT-SE 100 close down 27.3 at 2,321.1. Dealers fear the market may test the 2,300 level today.

Market report, page 24 Wali Street, page 26 **Aaronson falls**

Aaronson Bros, hit by poor conditions in DIY and home improvement, saw pre-tax profits slump from £5.82 million to £2.12 million in the year to September. The final dividend falls from 3.95p to

Tempus, page 24 Securicor rises Securicor group profits surged

from £27.3 million to £38.2 million for the year to end-September. A final dividend of 1.076p lifts the total to 1.516p, 17 per cent up. Tempus, page 24

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Pay increases slowing to 8.1%, says CBI

A first ray of hope of improvement on the pay front has emerged from Confederation of British Industry figures which showed growth in settlements in manufacturing slowsettlements in manufacturing slow-ing slightly at the end of last year. The Pay Databank survey re-

ported provisional average settle-ments in manufacturing at an estimated 8.1 per cent in the fourth quarter - down 0.1 of a percentage point from the previous quarter.

The CBI, which has repeatedly appealed to employers not to allow a return to the "going rate" mentality, said downward pres-sures on pay settlements in manu-facturing were strengthening. The survey identified a wide

reaching deals according to their own economic circumstances. Alarm about pay was triggered by 10 per cent-plus deals in the motor industry, most publicly at Ford, which were expected to set a trend. The easing of manufacturing settlements left deals still well above the 7.6 per cent seen in the second quarter and 6.9 per cent in

the final quarter of 1988. manufacturing appeared to have started to rein back on pay,

other CBI data show average settlements in the private sector service industries rising to 9.3 per cent in the second half of last year range of settlements with firms from 8.6 per cent in the first half. Mr Bill Martin, chief economist

at Phillips & Drew, described the manufacturing pay figures as "ten-tative good news." P&D's own statistics, however, have settle-ments for the whole economy rising by more than 9 per cent in the final quarter, and still growing. Mr Martin saw the non-trading sector as the "Achilles' heel" of pay developments, as they threatened to offset wholly any improvement

economy slows, he saw the problem of rising unit labour costs still needing to be resolved.

The CBI reported manufacturing productivity growth in the final quarter slowing to a provisional 6.5 per cent compared to a year earlier, with expectations of only 5 per cent over this year. This was sharply down from the 7.3 per cent year-on-year rise for the third quarter.

The survey identified companies' inability to pay as the most strongly-felt factor. Poorer profits and declining productivity were also key factors.

Since last August, about a third

5.5 per cent and 7.5 per cent, while slightly less had been between 7.5 per cent and 8.5 per cent. About 17 per cent of deals were between 8.5

per cent and 9.5 per cent. The CBI concluded that the wider spread of deals, combined with slower pay growth, amounted to "not spectacular improvements but movements in right

The "key task", it said, was controlling unit labour costs. Jonathan Wren, London's largest headhunting firm, said City pay increases are below the national

believes the brakes are now on. The going rate paid by employers has slowed down to 8.8 per cent from

13.1 per cent a year ago. Wren said this may well signal a period of relative wage depression in the City.

The company said there is still widespread and strong recruitment demand because the average annual staff turnover in City institutions is at least 20 per cent. But high salary increases are becoming much more localized, in particular for VDU operators and systems

Regalian offer of half share to flat buyers

By Matthew Bond

idential developer in subsidiary. To sell its flats on Docklands, will today the Isle of Dogs and in offer the bulk of its unsold London and South of England flats on a 50:50 shared-ownership basis.

Under a scheme drawn up by Mr David Goldstone, Regalian's chairman, buyers will get the chance to buy a result was a self-out. half-stake in a flat, with Regalian retaining the remaining half for five years.

It is understood that about with a full market value of

The scheme is certain to flats but it could undermine the efforts of rival residential developers, still hoping to sell 100 per cent of their properties into a market showing only shaky signs of recovery.

of the results, Mr Goldstone dent valuer. admitted the London resibelieve that the market - in London - has turned the

Rotherhithe, Fairclough again some buyers will have to teamed up with the Abbey settle for making a profit on National and Cheltenham & their half share and moving Gloucester building societies elsewhere because of the cost to offer buyers mortgages on half a flat. With £430,000 penthouse flats suddenly available for £215,000 the

Mr Goldstone will be hoping for similar success with his 50:50 purchase plan. A number of building socieities have 600 flats are likely to be indicated their willingness to offered under the scheme, provide mortgage finance for provide mortgage finance for prospective purchasers.

Once the half-share in the flat has been acquired the revitalize interest in Regalian owner will have an annual opportunity to increase his or her original 50 per cent stake. But further purchases will have to be of at least one-fifth of the remaining balance. The value of the flat will be Last November, at the time determined by an indepen-

dential market had dis-appeared. In Docklands, year five the half-owner has a But it i where the company has two final option to buy the out- Docklands flats that the substantial developments at standing balance. If that op-Free Trade Wharf and Quay tion is declined the flat will be izing. At Free Trade Wharf, 430 worth together more than sold with the half-owner and complete with swimming pool £60 million, Mr Goldstone Regalian dividing any profit. Similarly if people move bebeen sold in six months. However, he is now thought to profit will be divided between the two partners.

The building societies back-ing the scheme are expected to The Regalian scheme fol- lend money at prudent mullows in the successful wake of tiples to current salary, to give one recently launched by the buyer every chance of

Regalian, the biggest res- Fairclough Homes, the AMEC affording the balance in five years. But there is a risk that if the property market takes off of acquiring the remaining 50 per cent. In addition the scheme is not aimed at those who would be unable to afford

> be offered under the scheme are in Chelsea, where a half share in a flat will cost up to £304,000. A two-bedroom flat in the Chelsea scheme, Crown Lodge, will cost £150,000 on the half-share basis.

One of the best-known developments to be offered under the scheme is Florin Court in Charterhouse Square, close to the City. In recent Sunday evenings the block has become famous as the home of the television detective Hercule Poirot. Would-be Poirots could pay as The scheme is expected to little as £41,000 for half a

scheme is aimed at revitaland gym, flats - or rather a half share in them - will cost between £73,000 to £212,000. While at Quay 430 in Wapping flats will cost between £55,000 to £160,000.

At the time of the last results Regalian had almost £75 million of debt on its

a flat otherwise. The most expensive flats to

Lawson to spearhead financial services drive



Expansion without expense: Maurice Foley, president of GPA, which reported £179 million profit for nine months yesterday

GPA 'wants 25% of new planes'

The recruitment of Mr Nigel and knowledge of financial Dublin broker, forecast \$235 syndicated eight-year bank director of GPA is part of a development and expansion plan to keep the rapid growth of the aircraft leasing group, founded by Dr Tony Ryan in

Mr Maurice Foley, president of GPA, said that GPA payable. Financial, the new holding managed by GPA as a way of

decade.

Lawson as a non-executive markets will come in handy. GPA's profits for the nine

months to December - which currency of the aircraft in-1975, going strong through the \$179 million (£105.1 million) on revenue up 72 per cent at \$1.25 billion. No tax is

Shareholders' funds, owned company for specialist ser-vices that Mr Lawson will groups and airlines in Europe chair, intends to expand its (including Dr Ryan's 8 per business in securitization of cent), Japan and North Ameraircraft and aircraft leases ica, grew by two-thirds to \$884 million and the book value of expanding use of its expertise aircraft and leases managed by without requiring internal finance. Mr Lawson's contacts rose to \$3.6 billion. NCB, the

million profit for the full ear

Mr Foley said the results are accounted in dollars, the show that GPA can grow rapidly within a controlled financial framework and is mid-eighties and adding on financial services.

craft up to 1994 in order to maintain its share of the world new aircraft leasing market, already more than 40 per cent. "We want to buy about 25 per cent of the aircraft being built" said Mr Foley.

It is arranging to increase a quotation) for three years.

THE WORLD

HAS JUST VOTED

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loan facility by \$900 million to \$2.4 billion to make good the funds it has already drawn. Its borrowings are still only 1.7 times shareholders' funds, as it sells on aircraft and leases to reaping the rewards of order- keep the average age of its fleet ing new aircraft heavily in the of more than 225 aircraft down to less than four years.

GPA has placed orders more than a third of of profits. totalling \$30 billion for airBy 1992, GPA will be taking By 1992, GPA will be taking delivery of nearly two aircraft a week, most of them twinengined jets. But by developing securitization on the pattern of mortgages, it sees no need for unannounced new

Conran to close fashion chain

headed by Sir Terence has been made as to whether Conran, is closing Anonymous, its fashion chain for The chain will finally fold in women from 18 to 30.

About 140 jobs are at risk, although a small number of Anonymous staff may be offered re-employment. Anonymous trades from 27

outlets, the majority of which are within British Home Stores, Storehouse's department store. The decision to close them is a result of Mr David Dworkin's appointment as chairman and chief executive of BhS. Mr Dworkin has

reviewed the use of space within BhS and has decided the Anonymous outlets could be better used. Five stand-alone shops in Hammersmith, Kingston, Croydon, Ealing and Oxford

Storehouse, the retail group will also close. No decision

the early summer, at a cost which has not been revealed. The group said there had been no decision to close any

of the other fashion chains such as Richards, Blazer or Jacadi, but added the group's main emphasis would be on its three main divisions, BhS, Mothercare and Habitat.

Anonymous was formed in 1987 after the closure of the Now teenage fashion chain. Its closure has come as a surprise to many in the City who believed the concept to be a good one, achieving high sales densities.

Anonymous was expected to contribute a small profit to the group this year, for the third year running

Argentine airline invites BA stake

From Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent, Buenos Aires

in the next few days, giving it the opportunity to take a large stake in the Argentine nat-ional airline Aerolinas Argen-full-scale investment:

The document is in the final stages of preparation and will be sent to banks and airlines around the world as part of a drive to privatize Argentina's main industries.

Wartnaby, the BA chairman, that the airline would be open to offers from any foreign investor but that no limit had airline, and SAS will almost so far been placed on the stake certainly make another bid. any foreign country could hold in the airline.

British Airways is to be sent a Scandinavian carrier SAS of detailed offer document, with- fered to buy a 40 per cent stake Lord King was cautious

about the opportunities for a full-scale investment: "We will see if there is anything in this for us and obviously study the offer in detail." The airline has until June to respond. It is highly unlikely, how-ever, that it will pump money

into an airline which has President Carlos Menem of massive debts, a very old fleet Argentina told Lord King of and is seven times overstaffed. One of the airlines which is Alitalia, the Italian national

BA is ready to provide expertise in the drive towards privatization and may seek marketing links to help the

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Barons may be switching to UK after being driven from US Drug laundering at building societies accounts, in contrast to the practice of that all lending and savings institutions banks in respect of those operating are vulnerable to." Detective Sergeant

By Lindsay Cook Family Money Editor

Drug dealers may be using building society branches to launder drugs money after being driven out of America, according to an article in this month's newsletter of the Council of Mortgage

In the past, many building societies have not thought it necessary to check on the bona fides of those opening and operating passbook accounts but the Building Societies Commission sent a prudential note to societies last year, advising them to take greater care when opening new accounts. The note, which was not published at the time, warned that tough action was needed to stop

criminal money-laundering. The commission pointed out "In the past, many societies have not thought it necesessary to check on the bona fides of

banks in respect of those operating

current accounts." This had led to criticism from banks about the laxness of building society procedures, which allowed transsters and other criminals to open accounts, without providing evidence of identity,

and then cash stolen cheques. The commission told societies that the distinction between banks and building societies is no longer valid because there was evidence of criminals using building society accounts.

The introduction of automatic teller machine networks have also made it possible for extortionists to demand that companies pay money into card-based accounts, which could be withdrawn from any one of a large number of cash

The article points out that money those opening and operating 'passbook' laundering is "just one of many frauds adds.

Martin Battle of Leicestershire Financial Investigation department said: "The crackdown on money laundering which has taken place in the United States has meant that some drug dealers are now targeting the UK."

The sergeant, who has studied the subject, continued: "All financial institutions in the UK must realize that they are under more pressure from the criminal than at any time before. This will occur both from the outside influences where large sums of money may be laundered, and also from criminals who may be involved in drug dealing in the UK."

Societies need to meet the requirements of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986, the Criminal Justice Act 1988 and the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989, the report **TEMPUS**

Poor reception on Securicor's line

have no wires, but the market appears to have found some to cross at Securicor, 40 per centowner of Cellnet. Its results were badly out of line with analysts' expectations and were not accompanied by news of any imminent divestment, as dealers had been hoping.

Like motorists whose concentration has been compromised by the introduction of the personal phone, Securicor's followers, entranced by Celinet's potential, appear to have taken an eye off the road.

While Cellnet came close to matching the £20 million contribution predicted for it early last year, chief executive Roger Wiggs saw core businesses sag. The parcels operation simply failed to experience its traditional boom in August and September.

Securicor shares, highlighted as one of the top 10 performers of the Eighties, promptly fell below 800p, dragging the p/e multiple be-low 50. They had been particularly strong of late on Cellnet sale talk, which was firmly quashed by the com-pany yesterday.

By virtue of its slightly lower market share and significantly higher early dev-elopment costs, Cellnet has taken a good year longer to vield a return than Racal's Vodafone, but should now provide Securicor with 40 per cent compound growth over

the next five years.

Eagle cuts

by another

£8.5m

By Jeremy Andrews

Mr David James, the chair-

man of Eagle Trust, the en-

gineering and film camera hire

group, has made further

progress in reducing the £99 million of bank borrowings

phones are virtually being givon away in the battle for subscriber bases/market share. In pushing its subscriber base to 27,000. Securicor's retail division ran up a pre-tax loss of

It also assumes the group's lorries carving out routes across Europe will begin carrying paydirt after 1992. Smith New Court looks for

£68.9 million this year, although a high, but falling, tax charge will restrict eps to 30.5, indicating a prospective p/e of more than 26 at 803p. That would not be nearly enough if only Securicor could find a way to unlock Cellnet's full

Unitech

Unitech's shares, at 378p, are almost exactly double what they were in 1988. In July that year, Unitech found favour with a £50 million placing at above the ruling market price, which left Electrowatt, the Swiss electronics group, with a 29.9 per cent stake. But four months later, Unitech's rating was in the doldrums again after it splashed out \$327 million to buy Veeco, the world's largest manufac of power supplies for elec-

tronic equipment. The acquisition, coupled with the subsequent disposal of its original electronic component businesses for an overall £71 million, trans-



Sag in core businesses: Roger Wiggs saw Securicar's parcel operation boom fail to materialize

industrialist, arrived on Uni-

tech's share register last year.

After declaring a 6.4 per cent stake in April, he built his

holding to 17.2 per cent by

forces with Electrowatt, he

would only stand 3 per cent

short of control, which goes a

long way towards accounting

of Unitech's rating. With prof-

for the complete rehabilitation

Were Dr Tettamanti to join

formed Unitech. It ceased to be a distributor, dependent on Britain and continental Europe. At a stroke, the US became its biggest market and Unitech became the largest manufacturer of power supplies in Japan.

Analysts thought dilution would be inevitable, given that Unitech paid 22 times earnings for Veeco, They seem to have been proved right, as earnings in the six months to November fell 4 per cent to 8.7p, despite a 57 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £12.3

However, the market's willingness to look beyond the next set of figures has been of 21.2p in the offing this year, much more evident since Dr Tito Tettamanti, the Swiss of 18.

Electrowatt is free to bid or sell its shares in August and shareholders should hang on for developments.

Aaronson

of some DIY repairs on its this year, and dividend profit and loss account after a restoration is some way off. year when pre-tax profits fell 63 per cent from £5.82 million times, the shares are looking to £2.12 million and the final well ahead of themselves.

3.95p to 1.7p a share. The final is lower than the interim, and leaves the year's total dividend at 3.5p (5.75p). Though the slowdown in

the DIY and home improvement market takes the lion's share of the blame, plant reorganizations and relocation expenses have also taken their

The setback was particularly notable in the second half, when April-to-September pre-tax profits were a mere £709,000.

Aaronson admits that turnover in the first quarter of the current year remained weak, although it insists that it was better than the last quarter of the 1989 financial year, and that the underlying trend is improving.

The group is cagey about whether there have been any loss-making quarters. A property revaluation

gives the group a net worth of 78p a share, against 66p a year the shares now reflect a de- ago, but gearing is 62 per cent manding prospective p/e ratio and interest cover a thin 2.5 times. While cutting costs should make an impact, as would a stronger advance in Europe, the group needs a healthy consumer climate at home before profits climb with any real strength. Thus, not much more than £2.3 Aaronson Bros looks in need million pre-tax is expected At 70p, on a rating of 14.9

STOCK MARKET

bank debt Growth warning trims food shares

hasty retreat last night after Smith New Court, the securiclients that most of them would find the going tough in

which he found when he took over in September. Last week, the company received the first instalment of £4.25 million from the administrators of MCP Building Supplies, the builders' merchant subidiary which collapsed in August. Together with the £4.2 million realized from the sale of Grundy & Pilling, another builders' merchant, Eagle raised a total of £8.5 million in

Eagle has two Rolls-Royce still show some resilience, but cars used by former executives progress will be slower. after the return by the Irish police of the vehicle run by Mr John Ferriday, a former chair-

The £60,000 car, which was found this week in Co Wicklow, will be cleaned up and sold, as has another Rolls-Royce used by a former

managing director.

Mr Ferriday is the subject of an arrest warrant issued by the West Midlands Police in connection with the alleged theft of £13.5 million.

Unlike the warrant issued for Mr Ferriday's arrest by Northampton County Court last September, the police warrant may be exercised in the Irish Republic, where Mr Ferriday is believed to have hidden since his disappearance in May.

Shares of the leading food a wide berth. As a result, an manufacturers were beating a opening 25-point fall on Wall ties house, issued a warning to at the worst levels of the day. Traditionally, food manufacturers and retailers are The market is expected to test

regarded as a haven for investors in times of recession, but narrower FT Index of 30 it looks as though they could shares dropped 25.4 to be struggling this time around. 1,835.6. Smith's food team has reduced its estimate of prospective earnings growth for the gains of about £4. sector from 10 per cent to 8 per cent. It says most of them Saxone stores to Freemans will find it difficult to improve mail order group, held steady margins after a slow start to at 100p amid heavy turnover the year. Mr Timothy Potter, of the shares. By the close of an analyst at Smith, said: "We business, more than 11 mil-

estimates on most companies, including Hillsdown, 3p lower at 262p, and Cadbury shares has been placed Schweppes, 10p cheaper at

343p.

Unigate has had its forecast for 1990 downgraded by £10
million to £100 million publisher of the Da because of problems at its Wincanton wheels division.

Telegraph, owns 9 per cent.* UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, has also downgraded its estimate for Unigate, leav-

The rest of the equity market spent a nervous session, with investors again Next rooted firmly on the sidelines Car before this week's US bond market auction. There have been increasing fears that the Japanese will give the auction

Street added to the gloom in London, where prices closed The FT-SE 100 index fell 27,3 points to 2,321.1 in thin trading, which saw only 406 million shares change hands. the 2,300 level today. The

A stronger pound left Gov-

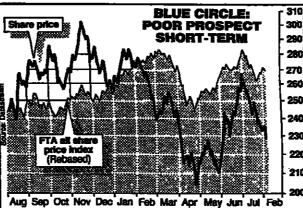
Sears, the Seifridges and have done a potato-peeling lion shares had been traded, job on prospects. They will Hoare Govett crossed a buyer Hoare Govett crossed a buyer

United Newspapers. He has reduced his profit publisher of the Daily Express and the Star, fell 6p to 404p. A parcel of 2.5 million jointly by Cazenove and UBS Phillips & Drew, the stockbrokers, at about 400p. publisher of the Daily

with a selier of 3 million

The group recently aning the shares 8p lower at nounced plans for a restructuring of its footwear business. while admitting it was the holder of 2 per cent of rival

> Carlton Communications, the film and television services group, fell 19p to 773p, with dealers talking about a "sell" recommendation from



Kleinwort Benson, the broker, cent yield, which would preexpected today. Carlton has vent any sustained slide. been giving a number of Securiguard Group slipped presentations to Japanese Ip to 286p after lifting pre-tax profits from £3.2 million to £6.2 million. Mr Alan Bal-

Grand Metropolitan, the hotel and drinks group, firmed dwin, the chairman, said he is 11/2p to 5991/2p on the news on the lookout for suitable Wimpy restaurant chain to a management consortium.

Blue Circle Industries cased 6p to 229p after a lowering of estimates by Smith New Court. The broker is still looking for pre-tax profits of about £233 million for the current year to April 30, but has reduced its estimate for 1991 by £8 million to £237 million. It blames the dramatic rise in the interest charge in the wake of its £197 million acquisition of Myson, rising costs, a disappointing performance by the cement and home products division and its American operation.

Smith says there are few short-term attractions for Blue Circle, but calculates that at about 220p, the price is £38.24 million, almost enbacked by an attractive 6.5 per tirely due to a first-time

Radio Network. Security Services, its associate, fell 18p to 683p on profits news. British Telecom, which owns the remaining 60 per 250

cent of Cellnet, fell 6p to 303p. The group's third-quarter figures, out tomorrow, are expected to show a 10 per cent rise in pre-tax profits. Cable and Wireless ran out

contribution from the Cellnet

of steam after a firm start, finishing 1p lower at 536p. Dealers said this coincided with a meeting between the company and SG Warburg, the stockbroker. The market is still awaiting details of the proposed sale of part of its Hong Kong Telecom subsidiary. Laing Properties firmed 5p

to 658p in response to the unwanted £441 million bid from P&O and Cheisfield, the private property company. P&O slipped 8p to 598p on further reflection on its latest

Meanwhile, Rosehaugh continued to lose ground, tumbling another 32p to 338p in the wake of its heavilydiscounted £125 million rights

It also had an impact on other property companies, with losses seen in British Land, 7p to 391p, Clayform, 4p to 217p, Great Portland, 4p at 299p. Hammerson, 10p to 815p, Markheath, 5p to 71p, Peel Holdings, 10p to 218p, Priest Marians, 32p to 188p, and Slough Estates, 3p to

Wall Street report and prices on page 26

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

More O'Ferrall profit forecast hit by storms

More O'Ferrall, the outdoor advertising contractor, has suffered a £1 million profits downgrading after last week's gales in Britain and France. Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, has cut its forecast for the year to end-December from £14.5 million to £13.5 million. The Adshel and illuminated Superlite panels division reported pre-tax profits of £9.52. million in 1988 and is expected next month to turn in £12.5 million for 1989.

More O'Ferrall, which said the matter did not alter its projections, told analysts the loss of revenue from missing or destroyed hoardings will be about £250,000, while £500,000 will be spent on repairs. BZW said it had downgraded More O'Ferrall a farther £250,000 because of weakness in the British television advertising market, where the cost of advertising will be down by about 15 per cent in February.

Brompton in Micklegate's £9m sales

Brompton Holdings will raise more than £9 million through disposal of its noncore telecon munications and manpower businesses to their present managements. Negotiations are at an advanced stage. The proceeds will be applied to Brompton's core safety, inspection and testing interests, after £7 million worth of borrowings

£1.3m interim Micklegate, the Yorkshire property developer, has an-nounced its first interim results since joining the USM, showing £1.3 million pretax profits on £4.7 million turnover in the six months to end October, against £176,000 profits last time. No interim dividend is being paid on earnings per share of 52.4p.

Shares have fallen from a

are paid off. listed 75p to 68p. Korea fund launched

Tyndall Investment Management, The Lucky Securities Co, a Korean investment management company, and Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, are launching a \$60 million (£35.2 million) fund investing in Korea.

The Korea Liberalisation Fund, a close-ended company incorporated in the Cayman Islands, will invest in Korean companies, equity-related issues and approved funds. Dealings in the 6 million new shares and 1.2 million related warrants should start on March 15. Mr Jim Mellon, a director of Tyudall, said government liberalization should help to give long-term investors exciting opportunities.

Stadex sold for £1.28m

BTP, the specialist chemical and industrial group, has expanded its Mydrin textile coatings and adhesive business through the acquisition of Stadex Industries for £1.28 million. Stadex makes hot melt adhesives, which are applied molten; one of the fastest growing sectors in the market. This is BTP's fifth adhesives aquisition in the last 18 months.

Pre-tax profits at Heiton Holdings, the Irish steel stockholders, builders' mer-

Heiton soars

to £885,000

chant and DIY group, rose 91 per cent to Ir£943,000 (£885,000) in the six months to end-October. Group turn-over advanced 28.5 per cent to Ir£28.4 million. Earnings per share rose 28 per cent to Ir3.64p. The interim dividend grew to Ir0.65p, against Ir0.5p last time.

Sandell profit tumbles

The latest casualty of the downturn in the property market is Sandell Group, the office fitting and refurbishment company, which came to the USM just over a year ago. The shares slipped 7p to 114p, against a placing price of 117p, on newsthat pre-tax profits for the year to end-September fell from £306,000 to £76,000.

The company said that the purchase of the Sandell Interlock business during the year had led to losses there, arising both from start-up costs and from one bad contra that had been taken on by the previous management. This last item was reflected in an exceptional debit of £270,000.

BAT puts revenue of Saks at \$1.3bn

From James Bone, New York

BAT Industries has sent out December. Marshall Field's prospectuses for the sale of its Saks Fifth Avenue department stores showing that the 46-shop chain had 1989 revenue of about \$1.3 billion (£763 million) and earned \$111 million before interest and taxes.

The British tobacco conglomerate is selling Saks, as well as its Marshall Field's, Ivey's and Breuners retail divisions, as part of its defence against a hostile takeover bid by Sir James Goldsmith's Hoylake Investments.

Prospectuses for Ivey's and

prospectuses are expected to be posted this week.

Several US retailers are thought to be interested in acquiring new stores, but may prefer to buy more cheaply a troubled chain or one with a strong regional presence rather than a strong national concern such as Saks.

Among those to have expressed an interest in Saks are Nieman-Marcus Group and Mr Melvin Jacobs, Saks chairman, who has said he may lead a leveraged buyout May Department Stores is also Breuners were sent out in considered a possible bidder.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ELECTION OF ONE SPECIAL AND FOUR REGIONAL MEMBERS TO THE MILE MARKETING BOARD - 1990

One Special Member of the Board and one Regional Member for each of the Northern, West-Midland, North Wales and Fat-Western Regions have to be elected

The Board are prepared to receive nominations of candidates for these elections. Such nominations must be received by the Board at the Board's office at Thames Ditton, Surrey, not later than 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday. 6 March 1990

 Every person so nonmated as a candidate for election as a Special or Regional Member of the Board must deposit with the Secretary of the Board not Liter than 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 6 March 1990, the sum of £200. 5. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Special Member of the Board unless he or she has been nominated as a candidate either by resolution of the Board or in writing by it least forty registered producers.

6. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Regional Member of the Board for an English Region unless he or she has been nominated in writing as a candidate by at least twenty registered producers entitled to vote in that election or by a County Branch of the National Farmers' Union in the Region.

7. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Regional Member of the Board for a Weish Region unless he or she has been nonmarted in writing as a candidate by an least eventy registered producers entitled to vote in that election or by a Gounty Branch of the National Farmers' Union in the Region or by a County Branch of the Farmers' Union of Wales in the Region.

8. A person may not be a candidate for election as a Special Member and as a Regional Member at the same time. 9. A candidate may withdraw from his or her candidature by a written notice

to the effect provided it is delivered at the offices of the Board at Thames Diston. Surrey, not later than 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 March 1990. 10. Any election literature issued by or on behalf of a candidate should bear the name and address of the person assume a and the name of the candidate on whose

NOTE: Candidates in the Special Member elections of which notice is given on this page may be interested to know that the Baard have agreed to offer each properly nominated candidate (if more than one) the opportunity for a 1,000 word election address, prepared by the candidate and reproduced by the Board, to be distributed with the voting papers to all producers at a cost to each candidate of 5500.

Candidates in Regional Board Member elections of which notice is given on this page may be interested to know that the Board have agreed to offer each property occumuled candidate (in contested elections) the opportunity for a 1.007 word election address, prepared by the candidate and reproduced by the Board. to be distributed with the voting papers to producers in the relevant Region, at a cost

Candidates who wish to avail themselves of these services that submit a copy of the election address to the Secretary of the Board at Thames Ditton. Servey, so that it and the relevant fee are received by her not later than Monday. 26 March 1900. If advance notice of an intention to make use of the service can be given it will be administratively most behind.

Laing stake sold by Marwan Dr Ashraf Marwan, the Egyp-

tian financier, was among those who sold out in Monday's dawn raid mounted by the Cheisfield/P&O consortium on Laing Properties.

Dr Marwan, sold a 1.5 per cent stake in Laing at 650p a share, the level of the concert party's £441 million cash bid. EDI growth

Continued growth in the market for Electronic Data Interchange services, systems that allow rapid, paperless, transactions between firms, is foreseen in a survey of The Times top 100 companies by KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountant, and the European School of Management.

Royal host

The Prince of Wales is to host a two-day meeting of more than 100 business leaders and entreoreneurs from Europe. North America and the Pacific in Charleston, South Carolina, during his visit to the United States from February 16 to 23.

Casket buy

One of the most famous names in the British bicycle industry will be back within the next two months after the £182,500 purchase of British Eagle Cycles by Casker, the Manchester textiles group.

Scotch exports Exports of Scotch whisky earned more than £1.46 biltion last year, an increase of 14 per cent over 1988 and a record for Scotland's largest net export earner.

Norsk Data falls further into red

Costain Group fell 11p to

1990 estimates by Hoare

Govett, the broker, of £10

performance of the group's property division. Costain's high gearing levels and housebuilding division also

acquisitions and forecasts

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profits of about £9.5 million in

dropped 18p to 793p after

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288p after a downgrading of



computer manufacturer, puter manufacturer into the during calendar 1989, with from NKr335 million to eventual customers.
NKr360 million (£32.8 mil-

The company, just three lion and boosted pre years ago the pride and joy of to NKr965 million. Norwegian industry, is again not paying a dividend. But Mr Tor Altheim, the

senior vice-president for technology and business development, pointed to an improvement in the company's performance in the second half, when operating losses fell from a first-half NKr214 million to NKr146 million. The positive results of the

restructuring implemented

Norsk Data has shifted its

Norsk Data, the troubled role as a high-volume com-

edged further into the red added-value area of providing total computer systems and operating losses increased working more closely with its The cost of reorganization in 1988 totalled NKr639 mil-

lion and boosted pre-tax losses A surplus of NKr25 million from property sales, after interest and currency charges of NKr59 million, meant pre-tax losses of NKr394 million for

The company worldwide now employs 2,700 people, 350 of them in this country after heavy restructuring, against a total of 4,200 at the end of 1988.

Total borrowings have been cut from NKr2.8 billion to last year were only now being NKr1.5 million, and against this the company has eash and

ECGD to abandon schedules

By Colin Narbrough

The Export Credits Guarantee Department plans in the coming fiscal year to abandon its premium schedules for underwriting medium- and longterm sovereign risk, and to charge exporters on an individual basis

The move to a more market-oriented premium system comes as the ECGD prepares for the privatization next year of its short-term insurance services arm. It also reflects the imperative to move away from hidden subsidy to exports as 1992 approaches. Mr Malcolm Stephens, the

ECGD chief executive, said the new methods for managing the political risk portfolio were designed to reduce future losses by discriminating more precisely between different risk categories.

By Martin Waller

As long ago as 1986, at least two of the financial advisers of Dominion International Group, the crashed financial services group formerly run by Mr Max Lewinsohn, gave warning about the treatment of profits from Intex, the troubled Bermuda-based business.

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Arthur Andersen, the independent auditor. The £1.4 million came from

together an automated financial futures exchange and in which Dominion has 27 per cent, to the North Carolina But Mr Lewinsohn appears National Bank. This was Binder, said: "We obtained

and disregarding the advice of the Intex share price fell.

would never be triggered.

on assurances that the options queried the Intex deal. Ander-Mr Chris Swinson, now the independent auditor to examnational managing partner at inc the situation. to have countered crincism taken "above the line," boost- the assurances we believed we. Andersen was happy about the about £1.4 million contribing pre-tax profits in the year needed. We wouldn't have treatment of the Intex warruted to his profit and loss to end-March 1986 to £11.04 signed (the accounts) if we ants. This is denied by Mr Ray

Binder Hamlyn, the then the scene shortly afterwards, auditor which was sub-advising on the purchase of sequently dismissed by Mr Transational, an American the sale of warrants in Intex. Lewinsohn, queried these computer leasing company, by which was set up to put profits, but was forced to rely Dominion. It is thought it also sen was brought in as an

Mr Lewinsohn has claimed signed (the accounts) if we ants. This is denied by Mr Ray account by Intex by dismiss- million, despite the existence hadn't been happy at the Hinton, a partner at Andersen ing Samuel Montagu, the of options requiring Domin- time." But he refused to give who said yesterday. "We deny Dominion last month.

dissenting merchant bank, ion to buy the shares back if details about the assurances, that we endorsed that view." Samuel Montagu arrived on Andersen's findings were the scene shortly afterwards never published by Domadvising on the purchase of inion. Mr Lewinsohn also claimed that Laing & Cruickshank, the then broker also subsequently dismissed by Dominion, concurred with his view. But Mr John Southwell, a director, said: "It's almost inconceivable that we would have said it was OK against the advice of the accountants

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THE TIMES WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7 1990 SA gold shares shine as Garston Cash put London price holds firm

ther strong rises across the

Dealers said it was general excitement about the outlook for the gold price rather than political developments which had encouraged another wave of interest, and that price rises had been partly accentuated by scrip shortages.

Among the heavyweights, Amgold was £4% higher at £76%; Vaal Reefs crossed the £80 a share mark for a £2 rise; and Southvaal rose from £34%

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By Jeremy Andrews

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nese subsidiary.

Some consolidation in the gold price is widely expected, though chartists point to an early challenge to the \$425 an ounce lev! — while giving warning that it "may well

market comfort

International gold shares were generally helped by the continued strength of the London gold price. Though it Mandela. was weaker on its overnight close and finished the day

London analysts said that international funds and fresh investors are making inquiries slightly weaker at \$421.25 (£247.35) an ounce, the fact that gold stayed above the every day about the South African market, which has been internationally shunned \$420 an ounce level gave the by all but the brave for a number of years.

Should the international sanctions barriers against South Afica fall, and fresh investment is encouraged back into South African situations, then overseas demand for shares should increase.

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South African gold shares topped international investors' 309p.

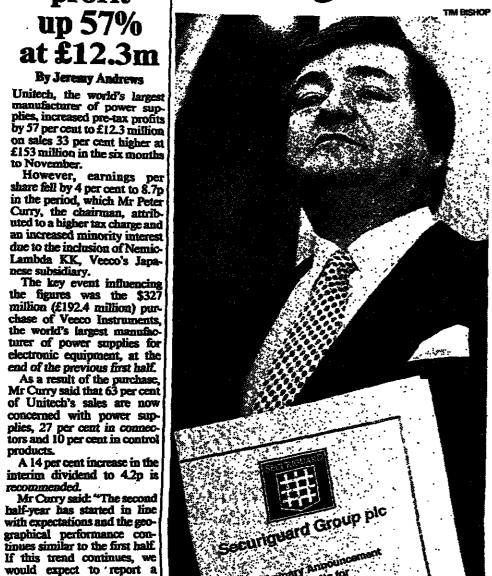
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> However, it would be some time yet before companies that divested from SA in the 1980s under shareholder pressure would be prepared to return in full investment

Meanwhile, international vestors are waiting for South African political hopes to be translated into realities - and also for a clearer indication of African National Congress economic policies. Recent calls for "nationalization of also in demand, with Harmony 56p harder at 810p, Elandsrand up from 687p to

Abead of such developments, a number of investors
fully prepared to assume the
ringing decidely in their ears.

Securiguard soars 93%



By Michael Tate Deputy City Editor

Securiguard, the security and industrial cleaning services group, reported a 93 per cent surge in pre-tax profits in the year to November 5.

The profits soured from £3.2 million to £6.2 million.

The company is hoisting the dividend from 6.5p to 8p a share for the year, with a 5.2p

Turnover more than doubled to £104 million during the

Mr Alan Baldwin, the chairman, said all the company's divisions made positive con-tributions, with the cleaning enance operation reporting a 65 per cent organic

The figures include seven sinesses acquired during the year, and the results from 14 new branches in Britain. Mr Baldwin said he believed

the "remarkable develop-ment" of the private security market would continue for the foresceable future. He added: "Another excellent year is in

Securiguard has won what it claims is the biggest single security contract in Britain the £2.4 million London Dock-

lands contract. In the US, turnover more than doubled to £17.8 million and with the acquisition of Madison Building Services since the year-end, US turnover will represent 30 per cent of the whole in the current

Group earnings per share rose 23 per cent to 24.6p. Tempus, page 24

GrandMet to sell 356 Wimpy outlets

further improvement in pre-

Grand Metropolitan, the food and drinks group which is negotiating the swap of its breweries for public houses with Elders IXL, the Australian brewer, is to sell 216 of its Winney to be against franchism Wimpy table service franchise restaurants in Britain plus another 140 mainly located throughout the continent to its

The buyout, believed to be worth about £20 million though the terms were not though the terms were not disclosed, comes six months disclosed, comes six months.

GrandMet, which acquired now manzing its management of the strategy to eat into Methods though the terms were not billion (£3.4 billion) acquisition of the £840 million British burger market, is expected to after Mr Allen Sheppard's GrandMet bought the Wimpy chain for £180 million from

Tempes, page 24 | Security minded: Alan Baldwin claims record sized contract

for £13 million from Allied Leisure last month, will be converted into Burger King fast-food restaurants this year in a move to challenge the market leader, McDonald's, 25 per cent rise in turnover. said Mr Sheppard.

tion of Pillsbury, the US food burger market, is expected to group, has transformed 35 at least match the £13.5 Wimpy franchises into Burger million being spent on advert-

Sir Hector Laing's United King Another 78, bringing the ising in Britain by Mc-Biscuits. The remaining 195 prime committed to the changeover. Mr Max Wolfenden, a for-

py restaurants in Britain, which include the 20 acquired for £12 will be acquired for £12 will b King brand were reporting He was unavailable for comaverage 15 per cent increases in sales volume, with the Piccadilly Circus Burger King flagship in London reporting a owns Courage in the UK, to

announce a deal with GrandMet's Burger King, GrandMet when it reports its results on February 23.

It is thought GrandMet, which brews Elders' Foster's lager in Britain, will sell its Mortlake Brewery to Elders in return for all or some of the

Shelling out at CSV

Nick Whitney, the former head of UK equities at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, celebrates his 40th birthday in two weeks. But he has already received his birthday present. For he has, after some discussion, left the firm — which pulled out of the UK equity market last month — and his settlement has been paid in full. Whitney, on a £250,000 a year package in his previous in the firm between the two began when Binder Hamlya advised when Binder Hamlya advised when Binder Hamlya advised when Binder spokesman. year package in his previous job at Warburg Securities. where he was group research director, is thought to have been on a similar income at CSV. "They'll have to make him a millionaire if they make him redundant," said one of his ex-colleagues before news of his departure was con-firmed. Neither Whitney nor Citicorp was willing to comment yesterday. Meanwhile, another former Citicorp em-ployee, economist George Hodgson, aged 37, has landed a job at Warburg Securities as a UK equity market strategist, a job he is expected to start at the end of this month. It is a new position and he will be working alonside Stephen Carr, head of UK research. And, lastly but by no means least. David Brockman, a

shares, selling to British clients, based in Frankfurt. Reshuffle

market-maker on the Euro-

pean side at CSV, is leaving to

join Dresdner Bank, where he will be dealing in German

The property sector may be on the rack, but there is still no sign of a slackening in demand

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Binder picks up the bill

for analysts. And it has led to Kleinwort Benson. Elwood, meanwhile, is staying put at Laings. "It's all quite ami-cable," says Elwood. But Pelmore and Fowlds, enjoying the parting of one of the most popular teams in the market. Alec Pelmore and Adrian Elwood have run their slide rules over the sector at an enforced month at home, Scrimgeour Vickers, Morgan are looking to the future. "On Grenfell and most recently Laing & Cruickshank. But now, with the third member of

the Laing team, Robert Fowlds, Pelmore is off to JOB CENTRE



the banking side Kleinwort Benson have some very good property connections. It should be lots of fun," Pelmore says.

Open all hours George and Liz Davies met City analysts and the fashion press for the first time since leaving Next last night at the launch of their new range of clothing for Asda called... George. Champagne flowed in sented the clothes which have been described as Marks and Spencer quality at a fraction of the price. Indeed so confident are they of the clothes' appeal that they opened a till for any

analysts tempted by the all-

cotton shirts at £16.99.

Drexel's loss

Fund managers in the Square Mile will be delighted to learn that American-born Jim O' Donnell has just resigned from Drexel Burnham Lambert as joint head of institu-tional equity trading in Wall Street. Their delight will come from the fact that he is returning to London - where County NatWest Securities has snapped him up to be an executive director and head of its customer services, which means that he will be responsible for research, sales and customer liquidity. "He will be in charge of sales, marketmaking and research," says Tim Ferguson, chief executive of CNWS. "It is a new position and a very key appointment for us - we are delighted to get him." O'Don-nell, who is 6ft 2ins and reputed to weigh more than 20 stones - looks every inch the American footballer he used to be. He worked in London for Drexel, until it withdrew from market-making here a year ago. Tales of his generous and imaginative hospitality have become part of City folklore. "People still talk about the Christmas hunch he organized two years ago," said one. "We were told to be at Victoria station at a certain healed as George, with Asda chairman John Hardman, presented the clother white we are and drank." Cynical note in a Melbourne

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broker's circular on the state of the market: "The difference between playing the stock market and the borses is that one of the horses wins."

Carol Leonard

By Neil Bennett

Substantial amounts of inves tors' money in Garston Amhurst, the collapsed in-surance agent, was illicitly diverted into share dealing through Laurence Keen, the

Mr Jim O'Neill, a fund manager at Keen, said that Garston Amhurst dealt regu-

larly for its clients.

"They bought hundreds of different things," he said. He refused to say how much money was involved, but said that the company's share trading was erratic.

Garston was a tied agent of National Financial Manage-ment Corporation, an offshoot of the TSB Group. Under the Financial Services Act, it was authorized only to sell NFMC policies. However since the company went into liquidation last month, it has emerged that it was running its own unauthorized fund.

Mr O'Neill said that Keen had done business with Garston since it believed that it was regulated by Lautro, the life assurance organization.

Up to 300 Garston investors stand to lose up to £20 million in the unauthorized fund, although NFMC has guaranteed the investments of the 1,300 people who bought NFMC products. The Serious

Fraud Office is investigating the company. Garston also put money in a high-interest account in the Lewisham branch of Barclays

Mr David Shaw, the Conservative MP, is urging the Department of Trade and Industry to question Sir John Quinton, the bank chairman, about the account. Mr Shaw has also asked the DTI to find out whether any of the un-authorized fund was sent abroad.

It emerged yesterday that some Garston investors were also clients of Barlow Clowes's gilts fund. Mr Shaw is pressing the DTI to investigate any links between the firms.

The MP has been approached by two people who used funds withdrawn from Barlow Clowes to invest in Garston's unauthorized fund. Mr Shaw is pressing the DTI to set up a full investigation of Garston's activities. since some of them pre-date the Financial Services Act.

The MP is also calling for changes to the Financial Services Act to make principal investment firms, such as NFMC, responsible for all products sold by tied agents. NFMC is refusing to comwho knew they were buying a non-NFMC product.

On Monday, Mr John Red-wood, the Corporate Affairs Minister, refused to call an inquiry, and said that the matter was being dealt with by the Serious Fraud Office.

COMMENT David Brewerton

cash put on deals Argentina opening her in shares window of trade to UK

Paint around the balcony where Eva Peron used to stand for the ovations of her adoring Argentine public is peeling away. The Casa Rosada is still the centre of Buenos Aires but the Argentines have more pressing demands on the public purse than freshening up the pink paintwork.

Argentina is a country that ought to work, and nearly does. It is easy to say that its great days are behind it, when in 1946, for instance, its gold reserves were second only to those of the United States. Then, it was a great creditor nation, but this week in Buenos Aires, the government is desperately concerned with how to obtain its next loan issue from the International Monetary Fund. Business, however, seems determined to trade its way out of debt.

Trade restrictions between Argentina and Britain were lifted last year and enormous efforts are being made on both sides to kick-start the potential into reality. Down here in Buenos Aires, I met Alan Tabbush, chairman of the British chapter of the Argentine/British joint committee on trade and investment. Mr Tabbush believes in Argentina, and he should know better than most, having spent a working lifetime in Latin America after university in Buenos Aires.

This week, he was putting the finishing touches to arrangements to bring Argentine business leaders to Britain, a return match to the trade mission he organized out of Britain last November. He sees enormous potential for trade and regards Argentina as

possibly the most resilient and resourceful of all the national markets in the area. But it needs capital.

Tabbush's enthusiasm is reflected in Buenos Aires. At a lunch this week to celebrate the reintroduction of flights between Buenos Aires and London by British Airways and Aerolineas Argentinas, Buenos Aires' mayor, Carlos Grosso, spoke of government plans to privatize the great state-owned enterprises: the telephones, the airline and even the railways. He sees British companies as the most natural partners to such Argentinian companies, bringing in capital and expertise and, ultimately, taking a share of the profits. Lord King of Wartnaby, British Airways chairman, has offered to help the process, while Maria Julia Alsgoray, the "trustee" for the telephone company. Entel. was in London last week, to see both British Telecom and Cable &

Throughout the Falklands conflict. and in the years since, British companies already on the ground in Argentina just kept their heads down and their factories running: Allied-Lyons owns the largest distillery in the southern hemisphere, BAT Industries

seems to run the tobacco industry. But there is, for a year or two, a window of opportunity for Britain to rebuild its influence in Latin America, not so much to turn the clock back to the days when Britain owned the railways, the tramways, and even the electricity company, but as more equal trading partners. If Britain does not grasp the hand being held out, others will.

Cooling the US debt scene

mong the concerns surfacing at the World Economic Forum in Davos in the past few days was the growing indebtedness of US corporations. In spite of the generally lower level of inflation during the 1980s compared with the second half of the 1970s, the ratio of interest payments to company earnings has risen substantially over the past decade, Mr Henry Kaufman pointed out.

Mr Kaufman, who now runs his own guru organisation, said that in this weakened condition US companies were at risk from severe shocks to the world economy. If something similar to the two oil crises were to happen now, 15 per cent of US companies or more might not be able to cover their interest payments.

Moreover, the instability associated with high debt burdens made it more difficult for a central bank to do its job of curbing inflation. Monetary policymakers did not always know what the effect of banks being less inclined to lend on property might be.

There is a good deal of evidence to support the common sense conclusion that high levels of debt tend to make companies more cautious and reduce spending on research and development. With corporate America reeling under the attack from Japan Inc. the last thing US companies need, so it is argued, is the kind of debt burden associated with leveraged buy-outs which at their height

were burdening companies with debt levels of up to 90 per cent of net assets. Clearly it is in the interest of

incumbent managements to cry "foul" when takeover predators find new weapons. There are strong arguments for allowing shareholders to make their own decisions about their assets and to let banks make their own assessment of the balance of risk and reward subject to an over-riding regulatory framework.

Nevertheless shareholders and banks need to be fully aware of the implications of their decisions over the longer term. Already bank finance for LBOs is less freely available than it was, casting doubt on the judgement of lenders on the earlier debt. According to Mr Kaufman, the securitization of debt is likely to diminish in future and US financial markets will be "Europeanized".

If it is agreed there is a problem what is to be done about it? Professor Ben Friedman of Harvard thinks the root of the evil is the tax structure which effectively advantages debt finance over equity. Change that, and debt would rapidly become a much less desirable

commodity. Mr Kaufman's solution is simpler. The problem, according to him, is that they do not teach any economic history in university these days. A bit less time spent on econometrics and a bit more on the South Sea Bubble could do wonders for attitudes on Wall Street.

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Fighting back on foreign fronts



Despite the loss to foreign competition of so many industries. the race is on to close the gap. Since those exporting to Britain are not standing still, the British need to run twice as hard. If it is to survive as an industrial nation, Britain must achieve success within this new decade. In the final part of our series, **TOM BOWER** reports on the new breed who are fighting

f Britain's industry is to be rescued, it would be comfort-Feldman organized an exhibi-tion in 1987 to narrow the ing to believe that Noël Raleigh is the face of salva-Raleigh is the face of salvation. Eight months ago, Raleigh, aged 36, joined a new team battling to save H&R Johnson, Britain's largest tile producer. "It was a disaster when I arrived and it's a tough fight to stop the rot," says Raleigh, the marketing

In the past five years, Johnson's share of the British tile market has collapsed. Instead of supplying as much as 50 per cent of Britain's tiles, it now sells less than 20 per cent. Just before Christmas, 325 employees were made redundant. The beneficiaries are Italian, Spanish and Portuguese produc-ers, eagerly assisted by British

The screen of Raleigh's portable Toshiba computer is covered by a graph which tells a depressingly familiar tale. When Margaret Thatcher became Prime Minister, tile imports were worth barely £10 million. By 1988, they had jumped to £130 million - about 70 per cent of the total market.

In the construction industry as a whole, imports worth £3.2 billion far outstripped exports of £1 billion. According to Basil Feldman, the organizer of the "Better Made in Britain" campaign, who has invested substantial time to discover the cause of the deficit. "It all began with the specifiers - the architects, engin-eers and surveyors. They wanted products at a price and with a delivery date, and British industry lacked either the product or the capacity needed to respond."

widening gap. The specifiers were asked to exhibit the products that they had imported. British manufacturers were invited to see what markets were available, and enter into contracts. To Feldman's dismay, "only two manufacturers bothered to turn up" Equally depressingly, Feldman noticed that foreign suppliers were "more aggressive in selling". It as a lament which has resounded in Britain since the 1950s.

Among the casualties of the wave of imports is Johnson, which has seen its exports fall by half, tojust 10 per cent of its production. Johnson's fate is a presentiment of the additional and inevitable consequences of the single market in

Although Raleigh's tale of the tile is sorrowful, his self-confidence is infectious. It was not lack of investment which led to Johnson's problems, for the old management sank £14 million in the same automatic Italian machinery used by its foreign competitors.

But by the time the incubation period spent getting the machinery to work had passed, sales were still falling. The public no longer wanted small, square, single-col-oured tiles in their kitchens and bathrooms, but wanted something that reflected their "lifestyle". Price was secondary. Johnson's answer was to copy the imported Mediterranean patterns - but the decline continued. It was realized, too late, that every customer wanted something different - an anathema to those reared on



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"I've got hit teams to target customers' needs," Raleigh says. He replaced salesmen with mirrorimage young business graduates who "must speak one foreign language and be desktop micro conversant". More than £2 miltion, he claims, has been spent on dicting the fashionable colours of the 1990s, and special contracts to "target the end user".

Raleigh blames poor marketing rather than the product itself for the high imports - a potentially perilous path to follow. However, he insists that "it was a mistake to copy Italian designs, instead of designing specifically for Britain". Therein lies a massive assumption that the British look and label will sell worldwide: but it remains a critical assumption if Johnson is

to succeed after 1992. But the company's showroom reveals the

In the mock-up kitchen, the hob cooker surrounded by Johnson's tiles is made by AEG of West Germany. The hob, which was installed before Raleigh's arrival, reflects the poor state of Britain's domestic appliance industry. During the Thatcher decade, imports, of individual "white goods" such as washing machines, fridges, dishwashers and hobs have nearly doubled, while exports have remained static at 20 per cent of imports. The cost to the balance of payments rose in the decade from £324 million to slightly more than £1 billion. Exports increased in

value from £197 million to £367 million. Reversing that tidal wave will depend upon the likes of Peter

Walker who, after 28 years at

Creda, has risen to become the GEC subsidiary's managing director. Affable and blunt, Walker joined the company "just when we had been written off forever".

The problems then stemmed from shortage of investment and new ideas, and Creda and its 3.500 employees has struggled for survival ever since.

Despite the evidence in the factories, John Banham, the director general of the Confederation of British Industry, insists that "the record of British business over the past two years has been excellent". Investment, Banham says, "is running at record levels and is currently more than twice what it was in 1986". Yet in real terms it remains considerably less than that of Britain's competitors in the rest of Europe and the Far East.
Only a few of its standard

'It all began with the specifiers — the architects, engineers and surveyors. They wanted products at a price and with a delivery date, and British industry lacked either the product or the capacity needed to respond'

ing machines and cookers - are exported. Walker's reasons for that failure are standard: "We could sell all our production in Britain; the cost of exporting is expensive; I'd have to change the assembly lines; and, finally, variety is the death of profits."

Still, under Walker's control, and with the benefit of GEC's cash mountain, Creda hopes to reverse the tide of imports. It is not an insuperable ambition because, as Walker explains, Creda successfully "rode on the back" of the German-designed cooking hobs which until recently monopolized the market and has developed credible rivals to them. "Neff has gone bankrupt," Walker says, "and AEG is losing money." Yet 80 per cent of all British sales in

1989 were of imported models.

According to Walker, all the Italian and French electrical giants, including Zanussi and Indesit, rely upon government support. He insists: "We were the only ones making money."

There are other hopeful signs. Dishwashers, which until recently were not even made in Britain, are now produced under German licence, while British washing machines are clawing back some

sales from the Italians. However, Walker's landable fight to rescue Creda with a range of new designs reveals unexpected import costs which do not bode well for the future. Twenty-five per cent of the content of Creda's washing machines is imported, while many of the components actually made in Creda's factories are produced on imported machinery. Creda's dependence

upon foreign tools is common throughout British industry. The foreign manufacturers' metal nameplates on those ma-

chines serve as a warning to British manufacturers of the fate of another British industry which ignored the lessons that are again contributing Britain's trade defi-cit. Until the 1960s, British industries manufactured a wide range of the machines which in turn were bought and installed throughout the world by indus-trialists. An inability to innovate and a failure to invest had predictable and catastrophic consequences. The progressive clo-sure a decade ago of A. P. Herbert, Britain's last big machine-tool manufacturer, marked the end of an era. Today the major sources of machinery to weave textiles, fill bottles, press metal, assemble cars and make bricks are foreign.

he only comfort, according to Michael Fry, whose company. B. Elliott, sells machine tools, is that the balance of trade is nearly equal: £410 million imported against £390 million exported in 1988. "British manufacturers are delaying ordering new machines because of the resent economic climate - and hat spells danger," Fry says. Walker consoles himself with the thought that Creda is practically invulnerable to Japanese competition, because the cost of

machine is excessive, compared with that of a television set. But, as Britain's former car manufacturers could testify, that could be a false security

RECENT ISSUES

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By David Young Energy Correspond

Britain faces becoming 25 per cent dependent on high-risk fuel imports by 1995, with the loss of 100.000 jobs in mining areas, the chairman of the Coalfield Communities Cam-

paign said yesterday.

Mr Hedley Salt, leader of
Nottinghamshire County Council told the campaign's annual conference that the Government had a "live now, pay later" energy policy. He said: "Government enthusiasm for importing for-

eign coal and sqaundering valuable gas resources on base-load power generation may produce short-term profits, but will create an eco-"If current policies are

continued by 1995, Britain sources and much of our 200 years' supply of indigenous coal will be sterilized and lost

for ever."

By that date, a further 100,000 direct and indirect jobs would have been lost.

Worry on HK bank lending From Lala Ye

Hong Kong

Demand for loans has been growing at a faster pace than deposits, prompting worries that banks may have difficulty funding some of Hong Kong's larger infrastructure projects such as the HK\$127 billion (£9.61 billion) airport plan. Bank lending surged 32 per cent to HK\$1,272 billion in

the year to end-December. while total deposits grew 19 per cent to HKS1 008 billion Also, a heavy increase in loans for use outside Hong Kong showed that money borrowed in the colony is

increasingly being spent on investments abroad. In 1989, borrowings with doubled to HK\$107 92 billion from HK\$54.8 billion Loans for use outside Hong Kong rose 32.5 per cent to HK\$381.5 billion and those borrowed to finance the colony's activities increased 28.1 per cent to HK\$456.5 billion.

The trend indicates that banks may well tighten up on loans, raise rates and be more selective over chents.

WALL STREET

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Japan would keep Japanese investors out of the longer-end of Treasury auctions. The market was expecting good demand in the three-year note auction from institutions.

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auctions during the coming month. The Heim Gallery in Jermyn Street has just closed an

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# The language of prints

Printmakers are no longer at the bottom of the artistic hierarchy, Huon Mallalieu reports

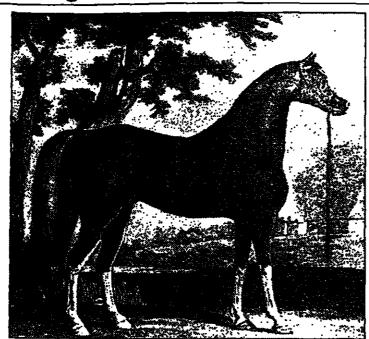
here are probably as many arguments over taste as there are people with claims to connoissentship and scholarly expertise. The art world is a Babel in which there are few polyglots. The lover of Old Master drawings speaks a different lan-guage from that of the English watercolours enthusiast, let alone the devotee of Op Art, the admirer of Japanese prints or the votary of Byzantine icons.

For connoissenrs of the past there was a hierarchy of esteem running down from the Old Masters to the lowly prints and

Artists tend to appreciate prints for their own sake, for study, or as a means of making still more money out of a popular painting. Occasionally, too, as proven by Hogarth, or the craze for modern etchings in the 1920s, a wider public can be persuaded to take

For several years print collectors have had a regular treat in the London Original Print Fair, which brings 25 or so of the leading dealers together at Burlington House in December. This can be seen as a gesture of atonement from the Royal Academy for the first century of its existence, when it denied membership to

Any visitor to that fair will be



Horse sense: mezzotint engraving from a painting by George Stubbs, in the exhibition at Ackermana from February 14 to March 7

from Dürer woodcuts and Rembrandt etchines to screen prints by way of sporting aquatints and 18th-century contre-épreuves. The "Original" in the title is most important, since these are prints produced by the artists them-selves, or under their direction. There is no place for mechanically struck by the variety on offer, coloured reproductions mascontemporary British printmaker, Agnew's, 43 Old Bond Street (01-629 6176) will be showing etchings and lithographs by John Copley from February 21 to March 16. Although he died in 1925 Lovis Corinth is very much a "modern" artist, and as the catalogue of the

show at Garton European Prints, First Floor, 39-42 New Bond Street, (01-493 2820) puts it: "some of his paintings [and several of his prints] may have to await another generation's ac-claim, because of their allegorical subject matter". There are nudes and figures, and a number of lithographed landscapes reminis-cent of Gainsborough drawings. There is also a touching contrast between his confident 1904 self portrait with his wife (£1,250), and the careworn image of himself in "Death and the Artist" from the "Dance of Death" series of 1922 (£5,000 for the set of five). This last price reflects the fact that only

two are signed. Sporting prints are a different language again, and there are two London shows opening in February. From February 21 to March

7 the Schuster Gallery, Maddox Street (01-491 2208) has a set of the "Oriental Field Sports", 1807, aquatinted by Samuel Howitt after drawings of tiger hunts and the like by Captain T. Williamson.

Later in March the gallery will be showing prints from the Boydell Shakespeare project of 1803. The other sporting exhibition is

at Ackermann in New Bond Street from February 14 to March 17. It covers British sporting and coun-try life from 1750 to 1880, including more homely work by Howitt and by his better-known brother-in-law, Thomas Rowlandson. Hunting and racing scenes by the Alken family will be much in evidence, and there will be a number of rare boxing prints. The earliest prints are three from a set of seven line engravings after paintings by John Wootton, pub-lished in 1770. Among the latest are four hunting aquatints after John Sturgess published in 1878. Prices range from £800 to £8,000. Lovers of botanical prints might

prefer the sale of 19th and 20thcentury prints at Christie's, South Kensington on March 7, which concludes the collection from Dr Thornton's great Temple of Flora, published from 1799 to 1807. Prices range from £200 to £3,000.

Until March 3 Scottish print lovers can visit "The Art of the Print", from the 15th to the 18th centuries at the Hunterian Art Gallery of Glasgow University.

#### ON SHOW, ON SALE

The following is a list of autique and collectable exhibitions and sales from February 7 to March 7. Auctions start at 11am unless

To Feb 8: Shropshire Antiques Fair, Lion Hotel, Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury (95474 464). To Feb 10: Antiques for Business Fair, Business Design Centre, N1 (01-441 8940). To Feb 10: Watercolours by R.V. Pitchforth, David Messum, 34 St George St, W1 (01-408 0243). To Feb 16: Giambologna's great sculpture Fata Morgana. Alex Wengraf, 59-60 Jermyn St, SWI (01-852 4552). To Feb 17: Young contemporary painters, Anna-Mei Chadwick, 64 New King's Rd, SW6 (01-736 1928).

Feb 8, 2pm: Ephemera sale, including Valentines, Christie's, South Kensington, Old Brompton Road, SW7 (01-581 7611). Feb 8, 10.30am: Arms and medals sale, Sotheby's, Bond Street, W1 (01-493 8080). Feb 8, 2.30pm: Sale of Collector's cars, Brooks at the Donington International Exhibition Centre, Derbyshire (0332 812912). Feb 9: Fine art and antiques sale, Andrew Grant, The Grandstand, Worcester Race-course (0905 357547). Feb 9-11: Stafford Giant Antique Fair, Bingley Hall, County Showground (0532 843333). Feb 9-11: So East Counties Antique Dealers' Fair, Goodwood House, West Sussex (0937 832029). Feb 9-12: International Silver & Jewellery Fair and Seminar, Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, W1 (01-734 5491). Feb 10, 10.30am: Sale of models and toys, Lacy Scott, Risbygate St. Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk (0284 763531). Feb 12, 11am and 6pm: Doggy paintings, Bonhams, Montpellier Street, SW7 (01-584 9161). Feb 12-13:

13: Oriental carpet sale, Sotheby's, Billingshurst, West Sussex (040381 3933). Feb 14, 10am: Antiques and old cameras sale, Andrew Hartley, Victoria Hall, Ilkley, West Yorks (0943 816363). Feb 14, noon: Ephemera sale, Phillips West Two, Salem Rd, W2 (01-229 9990). Feb 14, 5pm: Doggy paintings. Christie's South Kensington. Feb 15: Water-colour sale. Sotheby's, Booth Mansion, Chester (0244 315531). Feb 15: Sale of watercolours of Turkey and Balkans. Sotheby's, Bond Street, W1. Feb 15: Sale of 19th-century farmiture and sculp-ture. Christie's, King Street, SW1 (01-839 9060). Feb 16-18: Leicester Antiques Fair. Mont House Hotel, Oadby, Leicester (05474 464). Feb 22: Sale of 17th to 19th-century tiles. Phillips, Bond St, W1 (01-629 6602). Feb 22: Sale of ceramics, glass and oriental works of art. Lawrence, Crewkerne, Somerset (0460 73041). Feb 22: Sale of ceramics and glass. Bearne's, Rainbow, Torquay (0803 296277). Feb 22-24: High Wycombe Spring An-tique Fair, Town Hall, High Wycombe, Bucks (0743 673674). Feb 26-27: Park Lane Arms Fair, Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, W1 (0669 20618). Feb 28, 10.30am: Antique firearms sale. Christie's, South Kensington. Mar 1-3: East Anglia Spring Antiques Fair, The Athenaeum, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk (05474 464). Mar 1-3: Warwickshire County Antiques Fair, County Cricket Ground, Edgbaston, Birmingham (021 743 2259). Mar 2: Sale of bird paintings, Christie's, King Street, SW1. Mar 6: Early ceramics sale. Sotheby's Bond Street, W1.

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# Satellite TV wars go to the movies

to start in earnest with the imminent arrival of BSB to challenge the one-year-old Sky. Both sides see movies as the heaviest artillery. This is how they hope to gain and secure new ground to be turned into tangible value, through the prize of subscription monies. Once fully charged out, each side will be wanting around £10 per month from a satellite household, so on this level there is little to choose between them.

When it comes to the matter of on-air viewer appeal, there are claims and counter-claims, BSB's Anthony Simonds-Gooding says of Rupert Murdoch's Sky: "We will have better movies, and this is our main card." Murdoch, by way of reply, loses no opportunity to tick off BSB for bidding up the price satellite paid to get at the movies, but does not concede the main point. If there is a "film gap", it would seem to be of a smallish order. When pressed, even BSB propagandists claim no more than a 60:40 advantage, not of itself enough for

on movies. Cinemagoing may have fallen away in the Fifties as television viewing spread, but the appetite for movies did not die. It simply moved

venue to another. Even though cineastes argue that the small-screen habit underplays film's potential, literally cutting it down to television size, the majority of us remain unabashed. Most of the time we settle happily for the small-screen experience.

Sky and BSB will get movies to us faster than do the established broad-casters of BBC, ITV and Channel 4. That is the basis of their special attraction and their special charge. The model comes from the United States, where Home Box Office set the pattern, and other competitive subscription services followed. Increasingly though, in both countries, watchful attention has had to be paid to the interventions of a third force, in the shape of the video-store.

Video-viewing in Britain is now a well established business. Part of its appeal is in permitting easy time-shift when ordinary schedules get crowded; part, perhaps the greater part, is as a short-cut into the most recent cinema offerings. Crucially, the video-shop will get you the movie not only faster than ordinary television, but faster than satellite too. The "windows", as they say in the trade, usually go in this order cinema release, video

roadcasting star wars are about release, pay-satellite release, ordinary television release. What's more, those of us addicted to the video habit will have noted that with a video you can stop, start, make coffee, kick the cat, all in your own time. Broadcasters, and this includes satellite broadcasters, offer you the film at a fixed time, for continuous and settled viewing. Satellite operators say they will over-

come this "own-time" difficulty by offering films in staggered pattern, perhaps around half a dozen times within a month. You can then make your own most convenient date. But, of course, this heavy repeat pattern itself trims the appeal of the overall service to those who would prefer a constant intake of movies that are both recent and different.

Satellite operators like to shrug off the video factor. Their line is anything that increases the profile of the movies eventually works to the advantage of all. So, cinema-going is increasing alongside the rise in home video-viewing. So may it be with satellite. And Sky reports BSB to deliver a knock-out blow.

Television has always relied heavily with Sky movies, as it translates from

free to paid service. So far, there seems BROADCAST to be little holding back, even though 90 per cent of Sky viewers have videos

> And yet there is a nagging doubt. Both Sky and BSB are seeking 2.5 to three million viewers for break-even comfort, and more for decent profitability. Together they aspire to penetrate roughly one in three UK homes, and within a couple of years. Somewhere along this line, as they try to move the beach-head out beyond the early pioneers, may they not yet run into trouble at the video barrier? Will the streetwise habitué of the video-store be eager to pass over £10 a month for another chance to see films he has aiready seen, or will he prefer to keep that money to stay abreast of the new?

> here's an interesting item in a recent Wall Street Journal study, telling us that 36 per cent of Americans now rate renting a video best value for leisure money, whereas only 12 per cent put subscription television top of the leisure list. This may prove true too in Britain, where the video habit is even more deeply entrenched. The first key encounter of the satellite age may be less between one satellite operator and the other, more between either or both and the obstruction to satellite advance presented by the well dug-in third force of video.

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Bert Hardy and Grace Robertson, as well as additional historical material, such as Studio Lisa's intimate portraits of royalty from 1936 to 1954, and Baron and Sacha's theatrical shots

from the same period.

Deutsch, whose cable interests include Westminster Cable Company in London, acquired the collection after the BBC decided it was not part of its core business. Brushing aside protests that it was "seiling the family silver" for an estimated £1 million to £2 million - the corporation negotiated a series of safeguards with Deutsch, which included continuing and preferential access for the BBC itself. It was agreed that the library would

directors, including Lord Quinton, chairman of the British Library, was set up to oversee its running

Nearly two years later the Hulton library has grown to an estimated 23 million images, following Deutsch's acquisition of Keystone - a similar but more news-based collection of historical photographs - from Photosource (now the Telegraph Colour Library) in December 1988.

Deutsch has spent an undisclosed sum rehousing the two collections in a pair of warehouses off the Harrow Road in west London. The negatives are now held in a climatically controlled part of the complex. Although the man hours still needed can hardly be contemplated, work has begun on indexing and preservation. Now the Hulton Deutsch Collection, as it has been renamed, is ready to be marketed

to its full capacity.

Last summer, however, the collection's smooth transformation was threatened. Peter Elliott, the managing director, resigned, as did Roger Wemyss-Brooks, the picture director, and Ken Lewis, the general manager. Wernyss-Brooks recalls: "Following a series of board meetings in the early summer, we were told we were not coming up to scratch and our Ameri-

not be sold abroad, and a board of can investors were not happy. The crunch came in the early summer when I was asked to increase our sales targets by 65 per cent. I protested

> Elliott says: "They wanted it finance-led rather than picture-led."
> For his part, Deutsch says the three who left were "very good chaps, but not businessmen". In their stead came David Watts, aged 42, the former editor of Which? the Consumer Association magazine.

One of his priorities must be the position of the collection in the market. Prominently displayed in the foyer of one of the warehouses is a signed print of "The Boys from the Gorbals", Bert Hardy's famous photograph, taken in 1948, for Picture Post. side it is a smaller photograph of the two boys today, both of them stout and middle-aged.

Watts looks up at the pictures and says: "We need to get away from that image. People think of us as being only *Picture Post*. In fact, we're now the largest picture library in Europe, with great strengths in royalty, social history, sport and political figures."

Although the BBC produced a series

postcards and calendars, almost exclusively from the Picture Post archive, Watts wants to license his

images to a much wider range of products, such as T-shirts. With his publishing background, he hopes to get the archive material into more books. There are plans for television programmes (including a quiz show) based on Hulton material and, given Deutsch's interests, proposals for an interactive cable link, which would allow cable television viewers to purchase merchandise by telephone.

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This kind of talk approaches the hitech new media world envisaged by Deutsch when he purchased the library. He talks of "putting 10,000 images on a video disc", and used by picture editors. He wants to introduce military-tested computer technology which, within moments, can pick out a picture from thousands of others. In the future, customers will be able to use a video terminal to choose photographs from the library and have them transmitted down a telephone line.

The intention is that the Hulton Deutsch Collection will become a pictorial data bank which can be accessed by telephone, in much the same way as the Financial Times Profile system operates for text. Considerable investment will still have to be made by both Hulton and

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# Full of eastern promise?

Suspicious European buyers often view Japanese products as downmarket. Nicola Chapman explains

how new marketing attitudes

are being forced on to the East

anese over-polite, overworked and resigned to a poor standard of living. Japaup-market - a potential marketing nightmare for a nation intent on world

domination. These are among the conclusions in a report published this week by HDM Horner Collis & Kirvan, the advertising agency part- complex relationship has owned by Dentsu, Japan's sprung up between western

biggest advertising agency.

"Japanese Brands: Balancing Heritage and Expertise", a study of European attitudes to overcome. Certainly, although

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any Europeans the Japanese, includes more consider the Jap- than 3,500 interviews with opinion-formers throughout Europe. It has discovered that, although the Japanese are seen poor standard of living. Japa-nese products are regarded as mass-produced rather than nically advanced and reliable manufacturing methods, fewer than one European in 10 trusts them to keep their promises. Some people, most notably the British, even believe their management strategies are underhand.

As a result, the report says, a consumers and Japanese goods, which the Japanese may have to work hard to



companies such as Sony and Toshiba are widely acknowledged to have won recognition in the UK, other Japanese hi-fi brands have not been so lucky. Sony believes its marketing has succeeded because it has tried not to be seen as a Japanese concern, "We don't class ourselves as a Japanese company and we don't pro-

mote ourselves as being Japanese," a Sony spokesman says. Gold Greenlees Trott, the advertising agency behind the "Hello Tosh" advertisements for Toshiba, also realized that to promote the brand it had first to familiarize the British with the Toshiba name. "In order to become big players in

Japanese are having to cast off their Japanese-ness," Mike Greenlees, the joint chairman, explains

Hostile attitudes to Japan already prevalent in parts of the United States and Australia, where there is an aversion to Japanese goods - are not the only reasons why Japanese companies should reconsider their strategies, says Marco Rimini, the compiler of the report. But to avoid similar antagonism in the UK, he believes Japanese companies will have to adopt promotional strategies highlighting the economic and employ-

ment benefits they bring. However, companies such international brands, the as Hitachi, Mitsubishi and

Aiwa could be held back because they lack individual identities and prestige.

Rimini says: "The problem the Japanese have is that people think of their products being produced by robots rather than white-haired old men in aprons. This is a handicap in many areas such as fashion, service sectors and luxury cars.

"People also see Japanese goods as expendable. They buy a hi-fi or a video and a couple of years later it is dated. People see Japanese goods as things they can flog for a couple of a years and then throw out. People don't love Japanese products in the way that you would love and look

after an expensive pen, or a beautiful Italian sports car." To cultivate a more upmarket image, some Japanese companies have embarked on marketing programmes to sell

more luxurious products. Honda, for instance, is in-troducing sports cars in the US, but HDM estimates that many Japanese brands still suffer from having too few characteristics that could appeal to westerners. One reason, Rimini explains, is that Japanese businessmen still believe rigidly that a new product must have a technological advantage over its rivals before it can be

In Europe, however, this is now decreed as less important than what is known in marketing as a unique selling proposition, based on emotional values. By concentrating more heavily on advertising old-fashioned Japanese attributes, Japanese companies might gain higher UK sales, the report argues. As if anticipating this, many

Japanese companies operating in Britain are reviewing their marketing and advertising strategies and are looking for UK-based advertising agencies to devise European campaigns. The Japanese airline AnA is in touch with a number of agencies, and Mitsubishi has recently budgeted £1.5 million for a television advertising campaign featuring its cars through the Gen-

erator advertising agency. A spokesman for Generator says: "More and more Japa-nese companies are taking a westernized approach to marketing and advertising, using locally-based firms. We did attitudinal research and concluded that the company needed to put across a more cohesive message."

# Pop goes the test-tube

Can a science programme challenge EastEnders in the soap ratings?

science magazine. 4th Dimension, comes complete with stand-up comedians and rock music. And later this month, Yorkshire Television launches a new science docudrama series, Science Fiction, on ITV opposite EastEnders. Yorkshire likes to think of the series as a collection of B-movies — "cheaply produced, with a clear narrative, simple style, contemporary subjects, a few strong characters" — with unwieldy scientific facts

kept firmly at bay. Duncan Dallas, Yorkshire's head of science, says it's essential that they get the science right. But all the same, calls the episodes "soaps", and to prove he is serious he has drafted in Brookside's Phil Redmond to produce four of

The BBC is also stirring. Horizon has appointed a new editor, Jana Bennett, to start in June, and this week Kate Bellingham, fresh from BBC engineering, will appear on Tomorrow's World for the first time. Tomorrow's World has lost approximately one million of its average 10 million audience in the past year. Outsiders view the shake-up, under Graham Massey, head of science and

features, as an attempt to stem the decline. The changes have done little to quell anxiety over programme axings in the BBC's science department, a possibility of which Richard Reisz, editor of Tomorrow's World, makes no bones. When you have programmes like Horizon and Tomorrow's World, two of the longest running programmes on the BBC, you clearly need to be asking, 'Is this what we want to be doing, are we doing it right, should we be doing something different, should we be doing it at all?".

Caroline Thomson, commissioning editor for finance, industry and science

Science on television is for Channel 4, dates the first signs of change to 1985, when out of the test-tube the BBC's award-winning Channel 4's irreverent new docudrama Life Story demonstrated that science and drama were compatible.

tures of the Eighties has been that people have begun to understand that science and technology are an integral part of Britain's success or failure and that television hasn't been covering them awfully well."

"Producers have begun to realize that science should be treated much like any other subject. It can be turned into drama but equally it can be a subject for argument and de-bate." Yorkshire's Duncan Dallas throws doubt on the conventional view that programmes such as Horizon and Tomorrow's World must be a success because they have been running for years. "To me, they are old-fashioned. Tomorrow's World, which was initially just a gee-whizz type of programme, has to its great credit tried to come out of that format but finds it very difficult to criticize technology."

Reisz acknowledges the criticism, but vehemently denies the charge that others have stolen a march on the BBC. They don't need outsiders to read them the riot act, he says. All of it has been thoroughly aired within the

lot of producers in this A department feel that we have been too close to the science establishment and that we shouldn't be."

New programmes in the pipeline include Rough Medicine on BBC2, which will focus on cases of medical malpractice, and Life Styles, a mass-appeal BBC1 consumer science magazine in the planning stage. What we won't be seeing, Reisz insists, is an end to the BBC specialist science programmes. All that is needed, he suggests, is a

Angela Brooks

# The Sunday sales gamble

The Independent on Sunday, the newest contender in the heavyweight weekly market, is counting the cost of an unusual wholesale deal

to the wholesalers. With last Sunequivalent of the normal 10 per cent day's sale estimated at 580,000, the value of any copy of a paper sold: 6p. This 6p is to be designated as a "haulage fee". bill is also going to be substantial. Brian Hutt, the IoS's circulation manager, admits that the offer to Because of the high volume of its wholesalers could be costly, but initial print run - 1.2 million in the insists that having reserved the right to limit supply to the trade, the paper will now be able to control the first week and just under 1 million in the second - the offer has already cost the IoS dear. The paper sold 740,000 of its launch issue, which leaves more than £20,000 to be paid sums it pays out. "We took a gamble on the first issue, but we went into it

Nick Shott, chief executive of The Sunday Correspondent, which has been hardest hit by the arrival of the IoS, reckons the offer could be counter- productive, giving whole-salers little incentive to sell if they know they will earn 6p a copy on unsold stock. "Without casting aspersions, it does give opportu-nities to the wholesaler with an eye to the main chance," he says.

And the temptation for whole-

salers to flood retail outlets with copies of the paper must also be hard to resist. One London newsagent reported last week that instead of halving his initial order of 150 copies as requested, his wholesaler doubled the order for the second week. "My customers couldn't get into the shop because of the huge piles of unsold copies," he said. Hutt argues, however, that whole-salers will not stand to gain by

Bull, chairman of the London division of the Association of Newspaper and Magazine Wholesalers, agrees that the first IoS print run was "ambitious". Sandra North

ordering extra copies: "It will cost them more in handling costs,

processing the papers, and sending

them out to retailers than what they

The wholesalers themselves are

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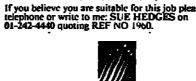
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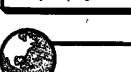
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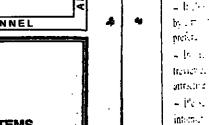
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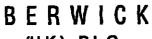
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By Christopher Warman

# Hammering sales home

uctions of residential property are not normally for ordinary people. In a difficult market, however, experiments must be tried, and Curchod & Co, a firm of chartered surveyors and auctioneers in Weybridge, Surrey, last week joined forces with the Walton-on-Thames branch of the Halifax Building Society to hold an "easy auction" of "esidential properties in the area specifically

imed at the ordinary buyer. All the properties for sale could be viewed beforehand, all had been inspected by qualified local valuers, and legal searches had been done, so that prospective purchasers knew the

that prospective purchasers knew the properties would be acceptable for loans from the building society.

The bidding system was made as painless and straightforward as possible, and for those people able to buy (unencumbered by chains) the process offered a certain transaction. A concessful hidder on Echpany 1 mould successful bidder on February 1 would be able to move in on March 1 without fear that the vendor might withdraw or that a chain might break,

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Auctions are aiming to attract ordinary house-hunters with easy bargain buys

and purchasers had to put down a more sales were made. Oswin admitdeposit of only 5 per cent, subject to a maximum of £7,500, with that sum offered as an unsecured loan by the

The outcome of the auction suggests that the property market recovery is patchy, or that people lacked the confidence to go ahead by this method lan Oswin, the auctioneer, succeeded in knocking down only two of the 24 properties on offer during the auction. Nearly 1,000 people had been informed of the occasion, and some 200 crowded into the auction room, but Oswin believes that while many were genuinely interested in buying they may have been uncertain about the way to proceed.

That view is supported by the fact that after the auction had ended, some 30 people made further inquiries about the properties, and half a dozen

investors are entering the market again, and there seems little doubt that property bought now will be the The next auction by the agents

Allsopp & Co takes place in London next week, offering 163 lots producing an income of more than £2.3 million a year. It will reflect an increasing trend of recent months, the sale of unwanted properties by local authorities and other statutory bodies. The vendors include several county councils, British Telecom and the Inner London Education Authority, the properties were originally private homes, and are unmodernized.

Some have not been lived in for years, and have been converted for a

week, with a 70-lot catalogue offering land and property worth around £5 million. Auctioneer Anthony Proctor predicts that this spring will prove to be a good time to buy, with prices depressed. "Those people who invested in 1974 and 1975, when interest rates were high and prices had fallen, have enjoyed remarkable capital appreciation. Many of those years, and have been converted for a variety of uses, including telephone exchanges and an abattoir; most have planning consent to revert to residential use.

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Andrew Grant of Worcester. and Jackson-Stops & Staff's Chipping Camden office, describe it as an important retail, commercial and residential property, and give a guide price of £850,000.



# rare market offering

Walnut Tree House at Middleyard, King's Stanley, near Strond, Gloucestershire, is a Grade II listed Georgian house set in seven acres. This elegant house has been modernized, but retains its character with features such as shuttered windows. It has three reception rooms, two bedroom suites and four other bedrooms, and there is a guest cottage, stable yard and outbuildings. The grounds include walled gardens and four paddocks. Adrian Thompson of Strutt & Parker's Moreton-in-Marsh office anticipates considerable interest, given the rarity of good Georgian properties on the market. The asking price is around £600,000.

recreation room and an office. The five-acre grounds include ing in the 14th century, the main part dates from the 15th a tennis court and a small lake. Cluttons' country house department and its Haywards railway line to Liverpool Heath office are asking for Street is electrified later this

Old Rectory at Denver, near Downham Market, Norfolk, dates from the early 1600s, with its front portion added in Outbuildings include a garage, 1710. The house has a pine Picton House is an impos-

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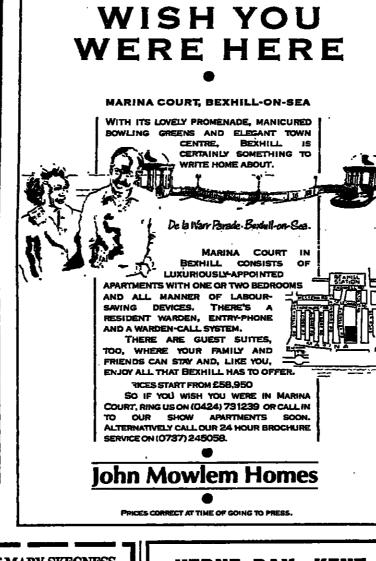
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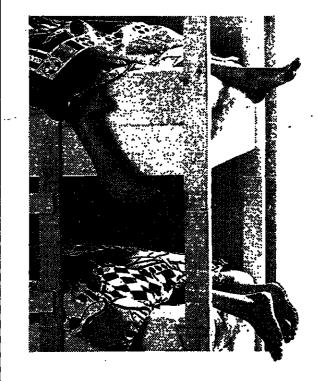
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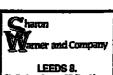
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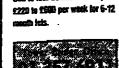
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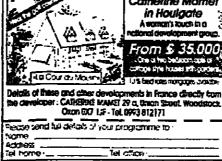


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survey by the chartered Surveyors Weatherall Green & Smith on the Scottish property market gives an optimistic view for the coming year as Scotland seeks to take advantage of its improving economic position - but the emphasis is on caution. It says that with competitive costs, good industrial relations and a pool of skilled labour, Scotland is well prepared to combat any recessionary influences in 1990.

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David Wright, managing director of Weatherall Green & Smith Scotland, believes that any potential over-supply in the office, industrial and business space sectors would not pose a problem because it would allow Scotland to attract big relocations and open

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lands, the agent Healey & Baker reports. It has more than £60 mil-

lion of tax-shelter space to sell in

Docklands before April, more than

any other agent selling space in the Enterprise Zone, and in January received inquiries for more than 500,000 sq ft. It reports strong interest in tax shelter investments

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Chris Noyes, of Healey &

Baker, says there has been an

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the doors to new business oppor-tunities. "However," he adds, "certain current shortages, partic-ularly of offices in Edinburgh, may seriously hamper future success." At the start of 1989, he says, "there were the sixty in the future

At the start of 1989, he says, there was great faith in the future and confidence in the growth of property values, which encouraged developers to prepare, and in some cases undertake, large schemes. "The past few months have seen a reverse," Wright adds. "Many developers and financiers with interests in schemes not yet with interests in schemes not yet under construction are hesitating, with the result that a number of developments will be deferred and in some cases aborted."

Over the past year, the survey reports, the Scottish office market was buoyant. Record rents were set for new prime buildings, and

the rental value of existing properties increased. Despite this, Matthew Edgar,

associate director, comments: "Increasing land values and building costs, coupled with high interest rates and softening yields, are making new development unviable outside the three core centres of Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aber-

Edinburgh, Scotland's financial centre, is suffering from a chronic undersupply, largely caused by delays in the issuing of planning consents. But this bodes well in the short term for refurbishments and new buildings coming on stream in the next two years.
Then there will be a premium on modern high-specification space.
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space now stand at more than £22

per sq ft. In contrast, Glasgow has seen great development and, as a result, rental growth has been steady rather than dramatic. The top rent for prime space is about £17 per sq ft, although the average office rent is only £15 per sq fl. Recent demand seems to have come from the financial-services sector, including Royal Insurance, Direct Line Insurance and the continued relocation of BP.

In Aberdeen, after a resurgence in the oil industry, movement is occurring in the office market. Rents have reached £10 a sq ft, and in Dundee the proposed redevelopment of the Overgate Centre should push rental levels

above £5.50 a sq ft.

Scottish retail yields are predicted to remain at present levels for the first six months of 1990.



Jones Lang Wootton, acting for the British Airways Pension Trustees, has sold the 120-year unexpired ground lease on Delta Point, Croydon, in south London, the 250,000 sq ft knobmark office building erected in the mid-1980s. The price has not been disclosed, but it represents one of the biggest leasehold sales in the south-east recently. Designed by Tibbalds Colburn, the development is highly regarded for its design and amenities. It is let entirely to British Telecom for its regional headquarters.

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IN THE MARKET vision", says Knight Frank & Rutley, which, with Tuckerman, advised

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# Durie still passionate to play

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Oh, you'll like Jo Durie, tennis
people always say. She's so
very nice... and then, after a significant pause, they add: "Perhaps too nice." They mean, too nice to win tennis

In recent weeks, she has lost in the second round of the Australian Open, and in the quarter-finals of the New Zeand Open here in Auckland. She used to be No. 5 in the world; she will be 30 this year and is now ranked 118.

And she is nice all right. No disputing that; it was a plea-sure to sit and talk tennis with her. But I am not sure I so along with the thesis that you have to be nasty to win. I expect it is propaganda put out by nasty people. I have talked straight through, that I lost in to plenty of sports people: say, Steve Davis and Lucinda Green, both very big winners had said to myself, You've indeed, and you couldn't wish got to play qualifiers, all right, to meet more pleasant, more

generous-natured people.

But Durie is nice, and she loses such a lot of matches. Even when she wins, she puts her poor audience through it. How many match points did it take you to win your first-round match in Melbourne, Jo? "I had eight, and she played unbelievably on them all, and I thought, I'm just not destined to win today, and I won, and I was up here, you know, and then you think, for heaven's sake, it is only one match, you need to win another seven to win a grand slam tournament!"

She really suffers out there on the tennis court. If Merv Hughes is a parody of an Australian cricketer, surely Durie is the perfect caricature of a female English tennis player. She can hit the ball all right, she can play shots just as well as anyone. Apart from when it is match point, of course. It is playing matches she finds so difficult. Every match she plays is punctuated by double faults in big games, screeches of anguish, and the loud, bitter tellings-off she gives herself. There is nothing easy about being Jo Durie.

"Last year was particularly awful," she said. "I was injured, shoulder and back, but I was so desperate to play I only took two weeks off, came back, got injured again, trying to play matches, getting emotionally distraught, telling myself Tve got to play, got to play — oh, it was stupid."

Durie finished the year with

a couple of good wins in the European Cup, and feels in better physical shape than she has done for a while. "Before I was panting after a five-stroke

Cup, where they will confront each other in the National

Stadium on Monday.
For sides seeking success in a

difficult group, the situation is

important, more so for Richard

Leman, the England captain,

and Mark Burns, an experienced

midfield campaigner for Ire-land. Both will be making their

each other, their last meeting going as far back as 1987, in Dublin, where England won 2-1.

Bernie Cotton, the England

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rally, and that sort of thing really does crucify you." Every tennis match is a Via Dolorosa for Durie. And this year began with the kind of inauspiciousness in which she rather specializes: for the first time for about 10 years, she had to play a qualifying match before she could play in the main tournament, one that took place in Sydney. It was a measure of how far she has

three sets. It was a pretty awful match. It wasn't very nice. I had said to myself, 'You've go out and play them' . . . but once you're there, for the first time in years . . . it's tough."
So why the hell does she put

herself through all this? "Well, I have been getting frustrated. I have been ranked five in the world, I've won tournaments. When you've been there and you know you can do it, it is frustrating being ranked 118, and losing to A. N. Other. At times, I've been a bit selfpitying, which is something I despise. I try to get out of it, and then I find I'm sinking, "I try so hard. And then I

said, 'If you don't start enjoying your tennis, Jo,' I said, 'then you're not bloody playing any more. Why put yourself through? It's stupid!

But I still do it. I suppose I do it because I get such a buzz. It's like a drug. You are out there and performing, and there are people clapping and appreciating what you do. I love that, I absolutely love that ... playing in front of people, even when I'm bad. You go away on a playing trip for

maybe six weeks, you get tired and jaded, especially if you don't do so well, and you think, 'I'd like to go home now'. And I'm home for five days, and it's 'what shall I do?' I can't wait to be off again. I won't ever drag myself around the circuit, but as long as I still So what, then, is the dif-

and the Durie of 1983, when she was creaming everyone in sight? "There is a huge difference in my termis - I'm a much better player than I was when I was No. 5. I was 23, I was on a roll, and I couldn't believe what was going on. I

HOCKEY

**England and Ireland fly out** 

sic. That was a true indication of

our potential."
The new players, according to

Cotton, were doing well three months ago - but the experi-

enced ones were not. There had

been concern over the loss of

form by Batchelor, Kerly,

glad to see that Batchelor and

had come back from a short rest, had recovered their touch.

our goals were scored from short

corners, and we were lucky. The records show that the balance of



"It's comparatively easy to All the players ranked up to 70 got on court, and thought, 'I'm going to win'. I had some very get into the top 10. It's awfully hit me. In New York that year, I had been trying to beat them. was in a totally different position, do you see that? And couldn't come to terms with to at all, I was trying not to there," she said. "Self-belief lose, trying to defend my has always been a weakness of seeding and my ranking, mine when it comes to the whereas before, I had just been crunch. It is something that I going for everyone. I couldn't work at in my own ways." cope with it, a totally different

Return to sender: Durie demonstrates the poise that once elevated her to No. 5 in the world dodgy matches, but I hap- long time to come to terms courage. Me, I think there is pened to win them. It just kept with this. And it's all a lot an enormous amount of cour-

tough. It really is tough."

If you want to irritate Durie, hard to stay there. That's what then suggest glibly that she see hit me. In New York that year, a sports psychologist — or a psychologist was No. 3 seed, and people "sports psychiatrist", as she and ag were trying to beat me. Before, rather revealingly terms that playing. profession, clearly believing that such people are only for loonies. "I don't believe in myself enough, but I'm getting there," she said. "Self-belief crunch. It is something that I

harder now than it was then.

age in Jo Durie, quite a colossal amount. Tennis is, are very good indeed. It's more than anything else, a game of psychological domination, and she knows that she has yielded the psychological advantage again and again. But she keeps

She has been rattled, shaken and humiliated over and over again, but there is something wonderfully indomitable about her. "I've got no plans for retirement," she said. "Obviously, I'll have to stop sometime, but not now, while I'm still passionate about it. I Durie is often criticized for want to enjoy it now, win or mental approach. It took me a what is seen as a lack of lose...come what may...."

fishing

## Waddingtons are back in fashion

Much to the surprise of the tackle shops in Pall Mall, the Waddington salmon flies are coming back into fashion. Andrew Witkowski, of Farlows, said: "They've taken quite a bit of the tube market. At one time, they went right out of fashion, but now there's this revival. No one knows why. Maybe someone caught a fish on one and the word went around."

No one knows why hairwing doubles are so popular, although there are many theories. However, the fact is that hardly any other fishermen use double hooks. Practically all sea fish, from shark to conger, to bass and dabs, are taken on singles. Sea trout, an anadromous fish like salmon, are virtually all

In Scotland, tube flies, like the Willie Guzm and Collie Dog, have become fashionable on the Highland rivers, but have not ranght on down south, where hairwing doubles are the best sellers. "They are easier to tie." Brendan Fitzgerald, of Hardys, said. "The trade is inclined to push them."

With hairwing doubles ranking first, next in popularity for salmon fishing are the tubes and Waddingtons, with the Drury trebles and single-book, fully dressed flies well down on the list. Costs are up a little. Fully dressed singles range from just under £2 to £5.50 each, while bairwing doubles cost from £1.25 to £1.75.

like salmon, are virtually all taken on singles. Indeed, I cannot remember seeing a fly dressed on a double book for sea

In the United States and Canada, you hardly ever find a salmon fisherman using flies on double hooks. Indeed, on some banned so that fish can be released without damage.

Closer to home, if you go to fishing tackle shops in Ireland, most salmon flies are fully dressed on single hooks. Fly dressers with a worldwide reputation, like Rogan, of Donegal, do not have doubles on their list. It would be interesting to find out

To be run over 4m 4f at Aintree on April 7.

The bookmakers' reaction

CORALS: 10-1 Desert Orchid (run or not).
14-1 Brown Windsor, 16-1 Bonanza Boy.
The Thinker, 20-1 Call Coffect, Polyfernus.
25-1 Bigsun, Bishops Yam, Conclusive,
Durham Edition, Ghotar, Golden Freeze,
Hungry Hur., Joint Soversignty, Lassitivetrownies. Mr. Frisk, Star's Delight,
Strands Of Gold, Zucko, 33-1 others.
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RACING

# 'Racing weight' fails to sway Burridge in favour of National

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Desert Orchid was yesterday allotted a tempting 12st 2lb in the Seagram Grand National, but the vexed question of the participation of the nation's favourite racehorse has yet to

"Desert Orchid is running at Ascot tomorrow," said Richard Burridge, the majority shareholder in the flying grey. "I'll be talking to David Elsworth and the other owners about National plans then, but at the moment it is extremely unlikely that he'll run."

However, Elsworth, already with one victory to his credit in the world's most demanding steeplechase with Rhyme considers that the class of last season's Cheltenham Gold Cup winner will be a big plus factor at Aintree. "That's the first winner I backed this vear." said the trainer at yesterday's Seagrams lunch to announce the publication of the weights.

"It is exactly what I predicted and as far as I am concerned hopes are still alive that he will run in the National. It's a racing weight. If we had been given 12st 6lb or more then we would have banged the idea of running on

there is more of a possibility Lad in 1985. that he will take his chance. However, no decision will be taken until after the Gold Elsworth's rival trainers

called the whole question of the handicapper's reasoning into question. "To an extent it appears that Desert Orchid is being considered to be a horse apart and therefore entitled to preferential treatment. Christopher Mordaunt, the

Jockey Club handicapper, has taken the unusual course of issuing a detailed statement. He said: "There is one basic reason why I have given Desert Orchid a higher weight than one would usually expect in the Grand National. I can't just look at one horse, I had to look at the handicap as a

"The new rules state that the top weight in the race shall not be allotted less than 11 stone 10lb. A higher weight can, however, be allotted if the handicapper feels that the horse in question is of sufficient ability to warrant this."

Inevitably, the allotting of 12st 2lb to Desert Orchid brings comparison with the 12st 5lb given by Mordaunt to

GRAND NATIONAL WEIGHTS

the head right away. But now Jenny Pitman's Burrough Hill Commenting on this, the handicapper went on: "At that

time Burrough Hill Lad had a park course rating of 183 against Desert Orchid's current rating of 179. Also in those days, the top weight would usually have carried 12st rather than today's 11st 10lb. Desert Orchid will be meeting every horse in the race on at least 4lb better terms than he would in a normal handicap, as was the case with Burrough Hill Lad.

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It is all a question of balance." This treatment has upset and angered several trainers. Nicky Henderson, the handler of Brown Windsor, the second favourite, spoke out strongly. "According to me, Desert Orchid should be on 12st Illb," he said. "Where is the missing 9 lb? I can understand the handicapper giving Desert Orchid a chance with 3lb or 4lb less than my horse, but not

9lb.
"I thought he would give
Desert Orchid 12st 2lb, but in that case Brown Windsor should have had 10st 11b. 1 discretion, but the handicapper has let Desert Orchid in with 9lb less than he should have carried. Everyone is very badly off with him, particularly The Thinker, who really has been hit hard.

Similarly, Toby Balding, al-ready successful in the race with Highland Wedding and Little Polveir, said: "I don't really see why Desert Orchid should be treated like this. He normally has to give 27lb to my horse, Bishop's Yarn, but the difference is only 18lb

With eight of the first nine home last year entered again, Little Polveir having been retired, the handicapper has given The Thinker, last year's runner-up and a former Gold Cup winner, second top weight of 11st 9lb. On this mark he is 11lb worse treated with Desert Orchid than in a normal bandicap.

Talking about The Thinker and also Durham Edition, who finished fourth last year and was runner-up in 1988, Arthur Stephenson, who will be 70 on Grand National day this year, said: "The Thinker may be a lot better in with Bonanza Boy on last year's running, but Martin Pipe's horse has gone on since then and our horse has gone back. But if he comes back to himself, we must have a chance. Durham Edition doesn't seem to get the trip,

# **Morley Street in Champion**

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Toby Balding has availed himself of the opportunity presented by the re-scheduling of the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle for Leopardstown on Saturday by nominating Morley Street. The six-year-old also heads

the five-day acceptors for the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury on the same day, but Balding, on the same day, our backing, recognizing that the Irish race would offer a better trial for the Champion Hurdle, is leaning towards an Irish venture. He will, however, have to make up his mind by tomorrow to organize travel arrangements. Morley Street is the only additional runner to the nine

nominated at the same stage last

the intention of running him in the Stillorgan Hurdle.

The two English challengers

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In the ante-post betting last Saturday, Nomadic Way emerged a clear 6-4 (avourite although Morley Street's participation would totally alter the complexion of the race.

Jim Dreaper confirmed that Carvill's Hill will definitely turn Dat Etreann 4-10-9, Vestrie Abu 4-10-9.

week. It was surprising to find out for the Harold Clarke Jim Bolger again accepting with Leopardstown Chase. Should Vestris Abu as he withdrew him the meeting be abandoned, from the race last Friday with Carvill's Hill would then be rewho journeyed over last weekend, Nomadic Way and Island
Set, have spent the week in the
stables at the Leopardstown
racecourse.

In the ante-post betting last
Studded by Hornald Carvill's
Hill" Dreaper said, "but he
badly needs a couple of runs if
he is to be fit in time for the
Gold Cup."

**SPORT FOR THE DISABLED** 

# **BSAD** report extra interest

The British Sports Association for the Disabled (BSAD) has reported a marked upsurge, by sports governing bodies, in in-terest in the development of sport for people with disabilities. It attributes the new mood to

an implicit threat from the Sports Council, following the minister's review group report, that an effective strategy for sport for the disabled will in ume become a condition for the receipt of grants. At present,

receive payments to help with specific projects, watched the disabled champ-specific projects, watched the disabled champ-ionship, and he subsequently There is a huge disparity in the way in which governing bodies respond to the needs of their disabled clients. Some still refuse to have anything to do

with such competitors; others

are prepared to offer almost total integration. The BSAD's national operations officer, Richard Hunt, cites the National Small Bore Rifle Association (NSBRA) as Swimming Association, for governing bodies are under no one of the most exemplary in example, has an award for statutory obligation to provide this area. Only last September, teachers who undertake disability awareness training.

STUDENT SPORT

Mugglestone revels in the mud

rewrote the rules for the disabled event. As a result, this March, it will be held alongside the British Open air-gun championships at Hulme, near Manchester.

The key to better sports provision lies with teaching, and number of organisations are actively encouraging coaches to become aware of the necessity for special skills. The Amateur

#### Bryant wastes no time in returning to action By David Rhys Jones

David Bryant's failure to win a

medal in the Commonwealth
Games shattered hopes of a
remarkable record for an
outstanding champion. Will Bryant now retire from international competition? international competition. Early evidence suggests that the interpressible 58-year-old bowler from Clevedon, after briefly licking his wounds, will be keen

to defend his world outdoor title at Worthing in 1992, and, if successful, would be a strong contender for Victoria in 1994. Bryant, who won gold medals in 1962, 1970, 1974 and 1978, arrived home this week. He intends to get in some early practice for Liberty Trophy semi-final between Somerset and Middlesex indoors at the Atherley Club in Southampton on Saturday. Next week he will play in his area singles final at Nailsea in Avon, where he hopes to qualify for the national indoor championships at Mel-ton Mowbray, which he has won nine times.

On February 20, Bryant starts his bid for the Embassy world indoor singles title at Preston with a tough first-round match against Robert McCulloch, of Scotland. He will have little time to dwell on his defeats in Auckland by Richard Corsie, also of Scotland, and Rob Parrella, of Australia.

England's performance in the Games was generally as disappointing as Bryant's, with only Jayne Roylance and Mary Price gaining a medal. Wendy Line, the holder of the women's singles, lost three games to finish third in her section, while the men's pair of Gary Smith and Andy Thomson had a similar record. The fours skipped by Mavis Steele and Tony Allcock challenged strongly but narrowly failed to strongly but narrowly failed to qualify for the medal play-offs. Scotland's gold and Northern Scotland's gold and informers Ireland's silver in the men's fours salvaged some late pride for the United Kingdom, Margaret Johnston, of Northern Ireland, and Corsie both collected bronze medals — but small here is no substitute for small beer is no substitute for cpsubague.

The gusting wind was a constant irritation, and the monsoon one day a nuisance, but the greens themselves received the approval of the majority of competitors — especially the Australians and New Zealanders, who among them won nine medals.

The unbalanced draw, especially in the men's pairs wat

pecially in the men's pairs, was the greatest cause of concern, with many players speaking out against the way the sections had been formulated. Attention is being paid to the problem.

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES 7.30 unless stated

hundreth outdoor appearance Kerly, particularly after they for their respective countries, had come back from a short rest.

for their respective countries, and each will expect to celebrate the occasion with a victory. In the run-up to the World Cup. England and Ireland have understandably avoided playing each other, their last meeting going as far back as 1987, in the countries of the countries of

manager, struck a note of hope for England before departure. "I come rests with England but, am happier now that the loose ends have been tied up," he said.

FOOTBALL Leyland Daf Cup

Hereford v Notts Co..... Maidstone v Exeter (8.0) Zenith Data Systems Cup South Area Sémi-final

Quarter-finals

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C Palace v Swindon (7.45).

B and Q Scottish League First division Hamilton v Airdrie Second division

Queen of 5th v Brechin. Strling Albion v Cowdenbeath... FA TROPHY: Second round: Working v Seaham Red Star; Chelterham v Enfeld; Yeoniv Aylesbury; Fambrough v Windsor and Eton. Second round replay: Welling v

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bob Lord Trophy: Second round: Boston v Fisher. VAUDHALL LEAGUE AC Delco Cup: Fourth round: Uxfordge v Averley (7.45). HFS LOANS LEAGUE CUP: Third round:

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Coine Dynamoss v Rossendale Urd.
LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Budwelser Cup:
Second round: Glenavon v Bellymona;
Catponville v Glentoran (2.45).
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn v Aston Villa (7.0); Hull v
Everaton (7.0); Newcastle v Derby (7.0);
Nottim Forest v Manchester City (7.0);
Second division: Blackpool v Botton (7.0);
Stoke v Wigan (7.0); West Brain v
Sunderland (7.0); York v Port Velle (7.0);
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Brighton v Reading (7.15): Fulliam v
Crystal Palace (2.0): ipswich v Southampton (2.0); Oxford Utd v Charlton (2.0).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University v The Army (3.0); Chellenham v Lichilaid (7.0); Christon v Bristol University; Lianelli v South Glamorgan Inst (7.0); Lydrey v Chriscigan Wanderers (7.0); Apyel Mary v Oxford University (2.30); Ebbw Vale v Cartiff (7.15); Hospitals Cap: Semi-finals St Marris v Charlon Cross-Westminster

**RUGBY LEAGUE** SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Hunslet v Widnes (Hugdrsfield, 7.30).

OTHER SPORT SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Mas (Wembley). TENNIS: LTA Men's Challenger (Tellord). SPORT ON TV

BASKETBALL: Eurosport 9-11am: High-lights from the European circuit. BOXING: Screensport 7-8-20am and 6-7-30pm: Top Renk and Professional events from the United States: Eurosport 8-10pm: World chemplooming event. EQUESTRIANSSE: Eurosport 1-2pm: 'Horne Show'.

THORSE SHOW. EUROSPORT MENU: Eurosport 8.30-FOOTBALL: Eurosport 3-5pm and 10pm-midnight: Real Madrid v Mallorea: Screensport 4.15-6pm and 17pm-last: Spanish Lunguer: Sovilla v Alderco Nadrid and Real Madrid v Mallorea. GOUP: Screensport 7:30-9:30pm: United States PGA: Highlights of the AT and Y Pebble Beach Open: Eurosport 5-6pm: Highlights of the Jamalca Clease from Montago Bay.

ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 12.15-2.15pm

CSKA v Chicago. INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 11am-midday: Motor sport news from around the world. news from around the world.

MOTORCYCLING: Screensport 8.3010am and 9.30-10.30pm: Highlights of 
Indoor Supercross from Geneva, and ice 
Speedway: World quarter-floats from 
Italy: Eurosport 8-7pm: Indoor 
Supercross from Paris.

MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 2-3pm: High-lights of the 1939 Formula One and Motorcycling circults: Screensport 2.15-3.15pm: World raffy champlenships: Highlights of the 1990 Monte Carlo raffy, RACING: 8802 2.15-3.50pm: 2.30, 3.05 and 3.35 from Ascot.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 10.45am-12.15on: Highlights of the 1990 Freech Cop: Custler-finals. SKIDNG: Screensport 10-10.30am: High-lights of the United States pro-tour from Tolluride. SNOOKER: 8BC2 4.25-5pm: Coverage of the Bemon and Hedges Masters from Warmbley: ITV 10.35pm-midnight: High-lights of the Thames Cleasic SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 10-11.25pm: Snooker: Coverage of the Benson and Hedges Masters from Wembley, and Footable: World Cap preview.

under-16 category, followed by Essex Metropolitan, and Cum-TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 7 Spire Sport from around the world. bria. At under-19 level Essex Metropolitan proved winners, with Hertfordshire and Greater Manchester in the minor places. UPCATE: Screensport 7.30pm. YACHTING: Screensport 3.15-4pm; High-lights of the 1969 Undimete rece.

The England and Ireland teams "We were patchy early on, but left Manchester yesterday in the came together nicely at Luton in same aircraft bound for Lahore, October to hold Australia to a the venue for the seventh World goalless draw in the Lada Claster of the seventh World Communication of the control o early last month, when the Irish lost 2-0. Later in the month, they went to Amiens to see them beat France 3-1. They, no doubt, formed their own impressions of where their strengths and

weaknesses Lic.

ENGLAND: S Taylor (Stourport), S Resistends (Hevand, P Bolland (Hounstow), D

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Cookia (Mossley), K Empey (Cork Church
of Ireland), S Filipse (Avoca), J Michael
(Linsingarvey), W McCosnell (Holywood

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(Cookstown, captain), B Welch (Cork
Church of Ireland).

NETBALL

#### Scotland's best are outplayed

By Louise Taylor The England teams were always

going to win their home inter-nationals at both senior and under-21 level against Scotland at Kelvin Hall. The only thing in doubt was the margin of victory.

In the event it turned out to be
69-28 for the seniors and 68-31
for the juniors. When it is
considered that Scotland had
gone down 80-18 in Middlesprough three months ago the brough three months ago the score in the senior match repre-sented something of an improvement.
Scotland no doubt benefited

from the fact that Joan Bryan, scorer of 60 goals in Middles-brough, was rested. In her absence, Karen Fenlon claimed 18 goals from 28 attempts, Trudy Papaño 23 from 26, and Sheila Edwards, 23 from 30. "Three very good scoring averages," Betty Galsworthy, the England coach, said. With Bryan scheduled to

return for the next home international, against Wales in Poole in a fortnight's time, there will be an interesting competition for the positions of goal-attack, and goal-shooter. England players of the future were involved in the schools inter-county tournament at Leicester last weekend. Heri-

fordshire triumphed in the

at the weekend, finishing 1/2 minutes ahead of Rob Whalley, of Staffordshire Polytechnic, in a gruelling 12¹⁴-kilometre mud race (Mike Lamb writes).

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The women's race, which was run in high winds and sleet over

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# Desert Orchid has fine opportunity to land Ascot feature

Having been denied a glorious chance to register his thirtieth career victory at Sandown last Saturday, Desert Orchid now has almost as good a prospect of reaching that landmark at Ascot today in the Charter-house Mercantile Chase.

I say almost because at Sandown he would have had to give only 21lb away all round, but he must now concede two stone to all but Rusch De Farges.

However, that should not be beyond him on a course where he has won eight times already. The handicapper would require more of him if the others raced off their official ratings rather than having to carry the minimum weight of 10 stone.

While conceding that several good prizes have been won this season by horses out of the handicap proper, I believe Desert Orchid has sufficient class and enthusiasm with which to counter

was by Long Engagement over two miles at Sandown but it has become abundantly clear who has been trained with such skill by Kim Bailey to win eight of his last 11 races. that the minimum trip is now much too short for him. Stay. himself in the right frame of ing is his forte.

mind for his enviable ride on

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writes).

Balding and British Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding (BTRB) have been in lengthy negotiations with Peter Bolton, the owner of Whitcombe Manor but talks were broken

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Rolton has always maintained BTRB own Balding's Fyfield stables and have the trainer One factor was the approach eli may now have to be delayed. flooded.



Richard Dunwoody: good prospects of an Ascot double If it were not, he would never have won last season's Tote Gold Cup at Cheltenham let alone the Whitbread Gold Cup over even further at

Sandown the season before.
If Desert Orchid is beaten today it will not, in my opinion, be by either of Josh Gifford's pair, Ballyhane or asm with which to counter challenge. Paddyboro, nor by Ten Of Spades. I believe the greatest danger is from Man O'Magic, Richard Dunwoody can put

Balding stays at Fyfield
Toby Balding confirmed yesterday that he will not be moving to Whitcombe Manor Stables in Dorset (George Rae writes).

Of Cheltenham. With the National Hunt Festival only five weeks away, the pressures of time on Balding to move his constraints.

contacts with other possible candidates but his plans to announce a successor to Mitch-

Desert Orchid by winning the Daniel Homes Novices' Chase on Another Coral who, having von twice at Cheltenham, then lost no caste in defeat at

Kempton when beaten by the useful Decided.

Man Of The West attempts to win the A F Budge Novices' Hurdle, sponsored by his owner, but I feel he will be thwarted by Atlant who did well for a comparative beginner to win the Lanzarote Handicap Hurdle at Kempton

If Peter Scudamore fails to win the Daily Telegraph Hur-dle on Mrs Muck he will have to answer to his wife, Marilyn, who has been so instrumental in the making of the mare in their friend and neighbour Nigel Twiston-Davies' yard.

Scudamore later continues his association with Celtic Shot in the Old Road Securities Reynoldstown Novices' Chase in an attempt to clarify plans for Chehenham. But in my view be will do well to outstay Carrick Hill Lad, who is unbeaten over fences.

For the day's best bet, I have no hesitation in nominating Formula One to win the Ten-bury Novices' Chase at Ludlow, even though he fell at Chepstow last time out in his first chase. In fact he did not touch a twig of the last fence, he simply knuckled over on landing when holding a commanding lead.

**Inspection at** Huntingdon

There will be a precautionary 9.30 inspection at Huntingdon today to determine prospects for tomorrow's meeting. There has been a lot of rain in the area and

more is forecast.

Worcester's meeting next

Wednesday has already been abandoned because the course is

#### SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin 1.40 Birmingham's Pride, 2.10 Hydeonius, 2.40 Peerglow, 3.10 Renshaw Wood, 3.40 Kenilworth Castle, 4.10 Whitewash.

Going: standard -

1.40 MONK JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O:

5-2 Skrninghem's Pride, 11-4 Barley Mow, 4-1 Radish 'N' Lamon, 9-2 Christmas Hols, 8-1 Meanle Minna, 12-1 others. 2.10 RACING POST ALL WEATHER CHALLENGE HANDICAP HURDLE (Round IX: £1,548: 2m) (6) 

11-4 Hft Beagle, 100-30 Rehearsing, 7-2 The Lighter Side, 5-1 Cajun Dancer, 10-1 Hydeonius, 20-1 Cheswold.

Course specialists

TRANSERS: Mrs D Heine, 7 wisners from 21 runners, 33.3%; R Holkisheed, 8 from 27, 29.5%; M Ryan, 5 from 18, 27.5%; N Bradey, 3 from 12, 23.1%; B Necklehon, 4 from 32, 12.5%. JOCKEYS: A Juckes, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; G Bradley, 7 from 28, 25.0%; S Smith Ecoles, 10 from 41, 24.4%; Gary Lyons, 8 from 34, 23.5%; L Wyer, 7 from 35, 20.0%. (Only qualifiers).

2.40 MONSEIGNEUR SELLING HANDICAP HUR-DLE (21,744: 2m 2f) (12)

9.4 Psergiow, 4-1 Keep Straight, 5-1 Yamanouchi, 7-1 Moloch, 8-1 Penliyne's Pride, 9-1 Bon Retour, 10-1 others.
3.10 VERGER NOVICES HURDLE (21,576: 3m) (5)

3.10 VERGER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,576: 3m) (8)

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R Bellewy (5)

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Mrs A Famel

11-4 Bentier's Gossip, 100-30 Renshew Wood, 5-1 Island, Locksmith, 7-1 Siles Domino, Mrs Pepperpot, 10-1 others.

3.40 CURATE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,604: 2m 4f) (9)

(£1,604: 2m 4f) (9) 

3-1 Beech Park, 7-2 Kenilworth Castle, 4-1 Storm Warrior 5-1 Silent Princess, 10-1 Scots Gep, Strocko Bay, 15-1 others.

4.10 VICAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,618: 2m 4f)

### Results from yesterday's three meetings

Warwick

Going: soft

1.0 (2m hrise) 1, NSNJA (R Durwoody, 3-1 |k-tay); 2, Lexiden (M Bowlby, 20-1); 3, Bold Choice (J Frost, 3-1 |k-tay), ALSO RAN: 5 Dawnou (44th); 8 Non Permanent (8th); 12 Amaredo (pu), Peak Destrict (f), 14 Cheeky Fox, 16 Mr Dormouse (5th), 25 Coxann, Galiic Belle (pu), 50 Adington Prince, First Admiral, Tommy Art (pu), 14 ran. NR: impetitionce, 44, 51, 74, 11, 71. D Nichokon at Stow-on-the-Wold, Tote: 24,60; £1,90, £6,40, £1,70. DF: £51,50. GSP: £58,18.

CSP: 258.0 Lieb) 1, RI-MA-RITHANN (M. 1970).

1.30 (2m hole) 1, RI-MA-RITHANN (M. 1970).

3, Mander's Way (R. Beggan, 8-11 fayl. ALSO RAN: 12 Buddington (8m). 20 Emsee-H. Fight Ha (4m), 25 All Alicat (pu), Always Away, 33 Corry's Capper, Duo Drom (Sith), 65 Gee Up, Mullion Cova, Orchipedzo. 100 Armas Rosa, Fiddle A Little, Fishing Season, Glympton (pu), Lost Pride (pu), Simmle, Tinking Sisr, Tough Ouf (pu), Trostray, 22 ani, NR: Smooth Simit, Hd. B. 8, 51, 44. Mrs. J. Pirman et Upper Lembourt. Tote: 24.40, E1.40, E2.20, E1.30. DF: 277.10. CSF: 233.20.

E1.40. £2.20, £1.30. DF: £17.10. CSF: £33.20.

2.0 (3m 4) 180yd ch) 1, WOODGATE (C Liewellyn, 7-2; 2, Roll-A-Joint (B Powell, 100-30 tay); 3, Over The Road (M Lynch, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 4 Against The Grain (6m), 5 Playschool (pu), 8 Outside Edge (4m), 20 Memberson (6m), Floeting Passion (pu), 33 Trout Angler (pu), Greenbank Park (pu), 100 Woodsinds Lad. 11 ran. S. 20, hd. 12, 4l. T Forster at Letcombe Bessett. Tote: £3.50; £1.50; £1.30; £3.90. DF: £8.00. CSF: £14.60. Tricest: £113.35.

2.30 (2m 4l ch) 1, EASTERN DESTRAY (Mr J Griffith, 71-4; hay); £ Srocking Boy (Mr G Hammer, 12-1); 3, Predwel (Mr M Felion, 7-1), ALSO RAN: 11-4 l-law More Action (4m), 3 Matchplay (pu), 12 Midnight Butler (I), 20 Team Approach (ur), 50 Jack And Jiš (5m), Marson Merauder (pu), 68 Emies Choice (pu), 100 Director Pleasa (pu), Kited Scot (6m), 12 ran. 15, dist, MI. 25, 20, Mrs J Griffith at Derbeigh. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £3.50, £2.50. DF: £28.50. CSF: £22.50.

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3.0 (2m 5f hole) 1, ROGERS PRINCESS (S Keightley, 7-2); 2, Milliany Band (B Powell, 10-1); 3, Clima (P Davies, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4-11 fav Perlamps Network (5th), 50 Woodkands Gerpower (4th). 5 ran. 1½, 61, dat. 30. M Tate at Kidder-minster. Tota: 23.20; 21.60, 21.80. OF: 218.50. CSF: 227.40. minister. Tota: £3.20; £1.60, £1.80. DF: £18.50. CSF: £27.40.
3.30 (2m 44 ch) 1, PARTY POLITICS (A Admins, 40-1); 2, Romany King (R Guest, 5-1); 3, Under Offer (B Ge Haar, 11-2).
ALSO RAN: 9-2 tev Getterstown (pu), 5 Fidders Times (6th), 6 Brandeston (pu), 9 Whats Your Problems (pu), 12 Crok: De Guerra. 16 Heavenly Brother (pu), Whats A To Do (pu), 20 Priors Coppice (5th), The Tan Men (pu), 33 Dumfries, Fourth Protocol (pu), 40 Libilary (pu), Peter's Sales (4th). 16 ran. 10t, 20t, 4t, nd, 7t, N Gassles at Upper Lambourn. Tota: £217.50; £23.50, £180. £1.90. DF (whner or second with any other): £2.50. CSF: £227.26.
4.0 (2m fiet) 1, CACHE FLEUR (M Foster, 4-1); 2. Supresse lessus (\$ Williams, 16-1); 2. Supresse season (\$ Williams, 16-1); 2. Supresse Councider, 4-1); 2. Supresse season (\$ Williams, 16-1); 2. Supresse season (\$ Wi

Piecepot £157.70 Carlisle

Going: good (good to soft in places)

1.15 (3m ch) 1, SHARE A FREEND (N
Coughty, 7-2); 2, Caney River (R Supple,
10-1); 3, Camionnege (Mr D Scott, 33-1).
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Snowfire Chap (I), 3
Ambergate (4th), 14 Trusty Friend (5m), 16
Earl Hensel (3m), 14 Trusty Friend (5m), 16
Earl Hensel (3m), 16 Royal Bee (pu),
100 The Myssic (9m), 86 Royal Bee (pu),
118 Super Fourtain, 3, 1 14, Ind, 20, 15, G
Richards at Greystoke, Tota: 24, 30; 21, 70,
21, 40, 215, 60, DF: 28, 50, CSF: 234, 39. NR: Super rosessons Total 24.30; 21.70, E1.40, E15.60. DF: 28.50. CSF: 234.39.

1.45 (2m ft 110/gh dide) 1, LANDMARK (M Brown, 7-2); 2, Wingsed Foot (N Smith, 7-2); 3, Paisia De Dennes (T Potts, 8-1).

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Furnace MIR (5th), 11 Sas Pennant, 12 Holsted, 16 Sabdabsani, 20 Merole Gold, Birdo (8th), 25 Gillemone (4th). Drovers Road, The Pizer (ur), Tristram's Lake, 13 ran, NR: Topsol, Hunting Coursey, 12, 14, 4, 4, 6, J Devies at Dyrmchurch, Total 23, 37, 21.50, 23.10, E1.90. DF: E11.80, CSF: E16.80. Tricast: 285.03. Bought in 3,100grs.

2.15 (3m ch) 1, RETVER'S LAD (8 Storey, 13-8 fav); 2, Massar Vudgas (9 Neen, 2-1); 3, Rivernot (4 Merrigan, 5-2).

ALSO RAN: 8 Season's Ahead (4th), 4 ran. 41, dist, 2f F Walson at Morpeth. Total. (4 dist, 2f F Walson at Morpeth. Total. 24.50 (2m 1/ 110/gh hdie), 1, CTTY COMMERT (T Morgan, 5-1); 2, Ganerous (240. DF: E330, CSF: E5.07).

2.45 (2m 1/ 110/gh hdie), 1, CTTY COMMERT (T Morgan, 5-1); 2, Ganerous (4 m), 15-2 The Pod's Revenge, Cottage (4th), 15-2 The Pod's Revenge, Last (7 The Bunch (5th), Meleagris, Meldand Lad, 20 Ah Jan Lad, Bushing Times (6th), Jim's Top (pu), 33 Mr Wante,

Muck Or Money, Carry The Can, Tine's Hidsaway, SD Alskow Rutter (ur), Geoantee, Ancient Crose, Aprifa Baby, 21 ran, 31, 254, 254, 254, J Edwards at Ross-On-Hiye, Toker 25, 70; 22, 30, 22, 90, 211,00, OF: 210,20, CSF: 231, 25. 3.15 (2m ch) 1, HOTPLATE (P Niver, 6-1); 2, Tactico (M Dwyer, 11-4 je-favi, 4.5) RAF 4 The Weider (4th), 17-2 Starjestic, 18 Doronicum (6th), 25 Furiena Wonder (5th), 33 Gav's Delight (pu), Sidvic (ur), 9 mm. NP: Lord Leney, 254, 8, 9, 9, 15, D McCain et Soutiport, Tone: 63, 35, 11-10, 22-10, £1.30, DP: £11.50, CSF: £21.18, Tricest £49.03.

3.46 (3m 100yd hdie) 1, SMITHONGAN (R Hodge, 6-1); 2, Brompton Read (C Dermis, 2-1 fav); 3, Marcedians (M Alston, 11-2), ALSO RAN: 8 Home To Roost, 15-2 Shoon Wind (4th), 9 Bonnie Dundee (6th), 14 Telemeter Gert (6th), 20 Flying Date (pu), Traumatic Luser, 25 ice Valley, 66 Justice Lee. 11 ran. Sh hd, 134, 81, 731, 121, Mars G Reveley at Matellon Totts: (24.30; £1.90, £1.50, £2.40. DF: £12.50. CSF: £17.79. Tricast: £65.52.

**Lingfield Park** 

Going: standard 1.10 (6) 1. Autobird (R Morse, 7-4); 2. tsioff (11-8 tev); 3. Grand Party (16-1). 7 ran. S. hd. C Allen, Tote: 22.50; £1.70, £1.60. DF: £1.60. CSF: £4.31. 1.40 (1m 27) 1, Bilocal (T Cuinn, 13-8 fevt; 2, Equinor (12-1); 3, Hunza's Choice (5-1), 6 ran. NR: Head Groom, 2, 6l. R Akahurst, Tota: 22.40; 21.30, 21.60. DF: 28.10. CSF: 216.54.

2.10 (1m 5i) 1, Super Genner (W Rysn, 100-30); 2, Running Flush (9-1); 3, Task Of Glory (12-1); Silk Dynesty 4-9 fav. 8 ran. 5i 121. M Fetherston-Godley. Tote: 27-20; 23-40, £3.70. OF: £22.20. CSF: £28.19. 2.40 (8) 1. My Pal Popeye (S O'Gorman, 100-30); 2, Orchend's Pet (J Williams, 7-1); 3, Vallant Saint (9-4 tay), 7 ran, 14, Ink, P Mitchell, Tota: 23,40; 22,80, £4,90, DF: 210.10, CSF: £25.02 3.10 (im) 1, Al-Tortenan (T Williams, 6-1); 2. Valient Red (13-8 tav); 3, My Diamond Ring (14-1), 6 ran. 11, 51. P. Howling, Total: \$2,900; \$2.20, \$1.40. DF: \$4.30. GSF: \$15.20.

3.40 (ins 2) 1, Crosby Piscs (S Dawson, 8-1); 2, Gibbor (5-2 lav); 3, Trojan Debut (25-1): 12 ran, NR: Nearly Red. 34, 11, M Haynes, Tota: 28.30; 21.30, 21.30, 212.10, DP, 213.10, CSP: 221.13, Tricast: 2318.59. Plecepot: £702.50,

Rider's operation

Robert Strickland yesterday underwent an operation on internal injuries received in a fall at the Old Raby Hunt Club point-to-point on Saturday (Brian Beel writes). The 27-year-old rider, who also broke his jaw, was riding in his first race. ASCOT

Selections By Mandarin

1.30 Aulaal.

3.05 Desert Orchid. 3.35 Carrick Hill Lad. 4.05 Strong Gold.

By Michael Seely 2.30 MRS MUCK (nap). 3.05 Ballyhane. 4.5 Popeswood.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.35 CELTIC SHOT.

1.30 A F BUDGE NOVICES HURDLE (£9,240: 2m) (10 runners) R Dennis — M Laurence — R Deswoody 29

1989 MORLEY STREET 5-12-2 J Frost (5-6 fev) G Belding 7 ran

FORM FOCUS ATLAAL reverts to novice company after sovice company after sovice company after tending a valueble handlesp at Kempton (2m, good) pair 251 clear. DARK HOREY was a one-pecad 81 2nd of 25 to Lissehane when getting up to beat Oaric a head; certifer led until the last when 82 2nd to Forest Sun at Sandown (2m, good) with Trainst 27tLAME State behind in 3rd, MAN OF THE WEST has gained at three wins this term at Market Resen; tainst (2m, good to soft). UNE stayed on well in the closing stages when 11/2 and of 9 to Egypt MR over course and distance (good to soft). Selection: ATLAAL

2.0 DANIEL HOMES NOVICES CHASE (Listed race: £11,874; 2m) (7 runners) 

FORM FOCUS ANOTHER CORAL was unable to metch the winner's turn of toot when 31 2nd to Decided at Kempton (2m, good); earlier of when clear to best Effact 41 at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm).

BEAU GUEST, has proved consistent in novice chases in the north, lept on well when 22 and of 8 to the useful Blazing Walker at Newcastle (2m, good).

FUEGO BOY was left clear to best Rain Mark 201 at Selection: ANOTHER CORAL (map)

2.30 DAILY TELEGRAPH HURDLE (Listed race: £12,537: 3m) (11

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2051-21	MRS MUCK 18 (CD.Q.S) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-5 P Scurtamore	94
30-3311	BRABAZON 16 (D.S) (P H Betts (Holdings) Ltd) M Tompkins 5-11-0	72
112-311	CALASSESE 28 (CD.F.G.S) Olos A Facant N. Hondarron 5-11-0	8
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	2051-21 30-3311 112-311 P0051-2 P08-431 112/036 23-1F32 143-01P 10/P-436 322/6P 8ETTING	10/P-036 STERNE 15 (0.0.5) (P Henner) Miss E Sneyd 8-11-0 D Gellegher 322/PP THRELY STAR 25 (S) (B Smith) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-0 M Pitman BETTRIQ: 7-4 Mrs Muck, 11-4 Ryde Again, 7-2 Celebrese, 10-1 Santella Bobkas, 14-1 Pragi Miss Nero, Timely Star, 20-1 Embazon, 50-1 others.

FORM FOCUS MISS NERO, a consistent steyer, bet consistent steyer, gained latest success when staying on well under (12-00 to beat Larchmont 51 at Bangor (5m, soft). CAL MRS MUCK scored impressively at Hoydock (3m, 60m) when drawing clear to beat Trapper John 121, distribution of the soft of th

3.5 CHARTERHOUSE MERCANTILE HANDICAP CHASE (Listed race: BBO 2

Long headices: Paddyboro 9-10, Ten Of Spedes 9-9, Man O'Magic 9-8, Castia Warden 9-2, Cool Ground 8-13.

BETTING: 6-4 Desert Orchid, 3-1 Bellyhens, 6-1 Men O'Magic, 13-2 Ten Of Spacies, 6-1 Rusch De Farges, 14-1 Paddybord, 25-1 others.
1988: PROUD PILGRIM 10-10-8 M Dwyer (6-1) Jimmy Fizgerald 10 ran

#### LUDLOW

Selections By Mandarin

1.45 Iveagh House. 2.15 Mandraki Shuffle. 245 Diaphantine.

3.15 Water Wagtail. 3.45 Harry Lime. 4.15 FORMULA ONE (nap). 4.45 Tribal Ruler.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.15 Water Wagtail.

Going: good 1.45 BULL RING NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,360: 2m) (16 runners)

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0 CHELWORTH RADIER 42 (R Glee) J Spering 11-0.

9 GO NOBLEY 19 (Mrs E Ogden White) T Thomson Jones 11-0.

9 HOW'S YER FATNER 108 (Unity Ferm Holday Centre) J McConnochie 11-0.

10 IORWERTH 21 (Mrs W Haggin) E Owen 11-0.

24 PEAGH HOUSE 42 (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pitmen 11-0.

25 LONELLA 209F (J Devis) J Beter 11-0.

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SHARP CHARTTER 146F (A Bernett) K White 11-0.

245 SOLDER BRAYE 103 (Mrs E Roble) R Morring 11-0.

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00 WELSH COLUSIN 25 (G Richards) Grennies Richards 10-9.

11 HOG Evens Notinge, 3-1 I Insegh House, 6-1 Koveze, 6-1 Go Nobley, 12-1 Mors _H Device #2 W McFestand (3)

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C Evens
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Bir D McCain (7)
G Knight BETTHIC: Evens Notings, 3-1 Ivergh House, 6-1 Kowza, 8-1 Go Nobley, 12-1 Mo's Chorister, 14-1 others.

1989: TREMMIN 4-10-9 G Morgan (16-1) R Manning 16 ran

2.15 BUTTS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,194; 3m) (16 runners) 

2.45 NEENTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,010: 2m) (20 runners)

2.45 NEENTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (22,010: 2m) (20 numbers)

1 00/13 FOX PATH 14 (5) D.BF (Airs J Lowis) F Jordan 6-12-0 J Loddar (5)

2 220062 MONRITA 9 (5) (V.D.BF (E Smith) C Bell 8-11-11 J Degges 95

3 4389-P FORCELLO 28F (CD.G.S.) (5 Cooper) D Burchall 7-11-10. 3 Device (5) 95

4 50/1230- MARSOOM 250 (D.G.) (M Brown) M Brown 8-11-9. J Brown (7) • 99

5 0002 DERBOY 18 (BF) (Floyel-Blue Racing Pic) B Stevens 8-11-5. M Stevens (7) 95

6 082 TOPSOR. 22 (D.BF, S) (Airs A Stacoy) D Winds 8-11-5. M Stevens (7) 95

7 0219,3 SURISET SAM 23 (S) (E Jones) R Callow 6-11-3. S Eadle 8

8 31F80-F MONE MLL 183 (S) (E Jones) R Callow 6-11-3. R Regges 94

9 E29-090 LEDAL COIN 21 (B Monsiey) K White 6-11-0. V Smith (5) 92

10 00/500-0 RAVELSTON 20 (Airs M Bowdard) J Honeycall 7-10-12. S Brown (7) 92

11 00-0252 MONENG DANCER 40 (D.S) (Lady R S-Wordey-Hurd) Miss L Bower 7-10-9 S Hodges (7) 92

12 00/0-005 WINNING DANCER 40 (D.S) (Lady R S-Wordey-Hurd) Miss L Bower 7-10-9 S Hodges (7) 92

15 PJO-07 WHOEVER 18 (S) (C Faris) J Device N Device N Device N Device (7) 94

16 3/PSS-0 POLECROFT 45 (D.S) (Airs D Device) M Device 7-10-5. W Money 94

17 952520 DREAMBNS STAR 8 (J Milner) P Anderson 6-10-5. P Verling (3) 94

18 00-3009 GOLFER'S SURBISE 21 (R Toylor) K White 5-10-4. M Money 94

19 PSSSTU DREAMBNS STAR 8 (J Milner) P Anderson 6-10-5. W Money 94

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19 PSSSTU 1989: BLACK MAKS BAY 5-11-2 J Lodder (4-1 fev) F Jorden 15 ran

**Course specialists** 

Rides Per cent 7 42.9 19 26.3 23 21.7 75 20.0 42 18.0 22 18.2

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (RF,F,Q,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Has 12-0. Racecard number. Six-figure form (F - fett. distance winner. BF - beaten favourité in P - pulled up. U - unseated rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days S - soft, good to firm, herd. G - good in since last outing: F if flat. (B - blinkers. D - distance winner. BF - beaten favourité in trace la configuration of the section of

3.35 OLD ROAD SECURITIES REYNOLDSTOWN NOVICES CHASE (Feature race: £18,230: 3m) (7 runners)

501 340-061 BUCKSHEE BOY 38 (0,5) (J Pikington) J Pikington 8-11-12 P Benter
502 1-11111 CARRICK H.J. LAD 11 (D,5) (A Picken) G Richards 7-11-12 N Doughty
503 3-21112 CELTIC SHOT 11 (BF,0,5) (D Horish) C Broads 8-11-12 P Scudemore 4
504 1019-12 DEEP COLONIST 53 (D,6F,8) (G Adeccty J Gifford 8-11-8 N Picken
505 313-111 ROYAL ATHLETE 20 (C,0,0,5) (G Johnson) Mrs J Pitraes 7-11-9 M Pitraes
506 F21153 MIXED BLENDE 28 (BF,8) (J Spenman) M Monte (mp) 8-11-7 C Sween
6 7 8-10212 LAST HOUSE 20 (D,F,0,8) (Mrs M Ession) Mrs M Ession 7-11-5 D Gallagher
BETTRIC: 5-4 Cettic Shot, 5-2 Certick Hill Lad, 6-1 Royal Athlete, 17-2 Deep Colonist, 14-1 Last House 1989: YULGAN WARRIOR 7-11-8 J Osborne (8-1) S Christian 6 ran

FORM FOCUS BUCKSHEE BOY made a successful chasing debut when beeding Clara Mountain grave 14th) by 25 at Newbury (2m 40).

CARRICK HILL LAD, has been very impressive in his five victories this season, best Aston Express 81 at Ayr (2m 41, heavy).

CELTIC SHOT, the 1968 Champion hurder, heat laten exceptionally wall to lenous and lost nothing in defeat when 24th 2nd to Sabin Du Loir at Selection: CELTIC SHOT.

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FORM FOCUS FLEET COMMANDER, predictably outclassed when putted up behind Mire Much; previously best Brigand Gri 101 at Haydock (3m, sort) where BOHNE ARME finished 291 7m. TRUST THE IRISH has not been out since besting Military Bend 21 at Wincenton (2m Gf, good) in November where BASKET WEAVE was pulled up. STRONG GOLD one-paced 61 4th to Canness at Wankick (2m 54, good to soft) with WHISTLING TIGER (30 better off) 19 7th and BONNE ARME tailed off 19th of 29, 8WHET CITY is running into

**Course specialists** 

## Rogers Princess back to form

Rogers Princess, the winner of the Coral Golden Final at Cheltenham last year, put herself back into the festival picture with a comfortable success in the with a comfortable success in the Regency Hurdle at Warwick yesterday. Shann Keightley produced the eight-year-old mare to lead from Military Band at the last, and she 7-2 shot pulled away to win by 1½ lengths. Kidderminster trainer Martin Tate will give Rogers Princess one more race before considering her Cheltenham options. Pertemps Network, the 11-4 on favourite, dropped out of contention at halfway, finishing last of the five, beaten more than 60 lengths and prompting a stewards' inquiry.

Peter Scudamore said his mount was already well beaten when making a mistake on the far side and he felt there must be something wrong. Chester

must be something wrong. Chester Barnes, representing trainer Martin

Playschool took another tentative step on the comeback trall in the George Coney Challenge Cup, putting up a bold show for a long way. He was a close second to long-time leader Roll-A-Joint, the 190-30 favourite, until he tired badly after three miles and was pulled up by Graham McCourt. Trainer David Barons expres

self disappointed with the 12-year-old, who holds entries for the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National, "Graham felt he wasn't as ready as we thought he was," Barons said. "He's certainly had a lot of work. If it's a

The challenge to Roll-A-Joint was then taken up by Woodgate (7-2), who gained the upper hand rounding the final turn to score by five lengths.

working well and veterinary examina-tions revealed nothing amiss. The 3.15 ASHFORD CARBONELL HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,092: 3m) (10 runners) 

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3.45 MARSHBROOK NOVICES HURDLE (£2,178: 2m) (18 runners)

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# Small's example is one for England's bowlers to emulate

When on a normal tour the mood would have become anticipatory and buoyant, the unhappy atmosphere surrounding the visit by Mike Gatting and his side has become more sound then ever on the aut of premature public denouncements, so when he confessed soured than ever on the eve of the first unofficial Test match, yesterday, that "our bowlers still have a lot of hard work to which starts here tomorrow. In addition to the South African do", the anxiety within the England camp was easily government's expulsion yes-terday of two journalists, Paul Weaver of Today and Gareth Furby of Independent Radio News, there were growing reports that anti-apartheid pro-

Gooch, the England captain, did his best to paper over the cracks exposed by an alarming final afternoon to the in which the Leeward Islands scored at upwards of six runs an over against lamentably ill-

civil rights leader, is due to arrive in South Africa today, and the National Sports Con-gress is hoping to persuade him to join the protests. Two demonstrations are scheduled at they have not bowled in a the team's hotel today with protest action also arranged for outside the ground during the first two days of the match. On Saturday there was to the Wanderers ground.

Moss Saturday there will be a march

ation by cancelling the tour," he said. There was also a protest yesterday by staff at the hotel where the South African cricket-ers are staying. The hotel work-ers were under the mistaken impression that Gatting's side were also staying there.

Meanwhile, the English team

stepped

up on eve

of game

From Richard Streeton

istrations so far.

Jesse Jackson, the American

had a free day. The South Africans held their first practice together at the Wanderers, here the pitch is expected to be hard and bouncy.

Gatting has hinted that if

necessary he would not besitate to omit Emburey and play an expected to be fit these would presumably be Foster, Thomas, Jarvis and Ellison. In these circumstances it is possible that Cowdrey's all-round skills might gain him preference over Barnett for the extra batting

land fast bowler, who returned career-best figures of eight for 44. On Sunday, he took six wickets in a spell of aine overs.

McDermott, aged 24, has failed to live up to expectations since taking 30 Test wickets during Australia's tosy of England in 1985, but may yet fulfil his great promise. His eight wickets took his tally in seven Sheffield Shield matches this season to 37. It is hoped to announce the English side after nets today and more could also emerge then about the progress of Dilley's troublesome knee. There are, apparently, no reserves on standby in England.

Standby in England.

One player the English team will definitely not be calling upon is Clive Rice, the deposed South African captain, who has South African captain, who has been quoted as saying that if Wessels, who has played for Australia, can play for South Africa, he does not see why he, Rice, cannot play for the English XI

XI. Rice bolds British citizenship and a United Kingdom passport county cricket indisputably makes him eligible. Both David Graveney, the English manager, and the South African Cricket Union have denied that this ould be allowed to happen. on Monday, Hookey scoring 116

Journalists expelled, page 10 not out, Queensland took first-

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Basseterre Graham Gooch is not given to discipline or pattern to the cannot expect many more easy days. Small left the field before

gregate of 130 runs. Medlycott, plainly suffering from nerves, was also severely

touring team's opening game, directed bowling. "You have to remember

serious game for four or five months," Gooch said defen-sively. "Of course, it is going to be lough on them early on." But perhaps he was closer to the worrying realities of En- out the West Indies in a Test he is instructed, for the first gland's inexperienced attack environment. when he added: "I am sure

rated "the pick of the bowlers

Cyclone Nancy, which put paid to the first two days of the

Sydney Test match, brought

for Tasmania's batemen in Bris-

bane. After waiting for a day and a half for the weather to ease,

a nair for the weather to ease, they were swept aside by a devastating spell of bowling by Craig McDermott, the Queens-land fast bowler, who returned

Sheffield Shield matches this season to 37.

It should be noted that the Tasumanian batting line-up is no pushorer. Shipperd has been selling his wicket dearly all season, while Cox is rivalling Lehmann as the bargeoning young talent in the country.

Last week, he became one of the youngest Arstralians to

Last week, he became one of the youngest Australians to score a century in each innings when he followed his first-innings 175 with a match-winning 102 against New South Wales at Hobart. Although Tasmania escaped with a draw

Tasmania suffer

in Cyclone Craig

Overseas cricket by Simon Wilde

England bowling. A total of 20 overs from Malcolm and DeFreitas produced an ag-

punished in his first spell. But having dismissed his tormentor Arthurton, who hit seven sixes off the young spin bowler, Medlycott changed ends and delivered an altogether steadier second spell. Medivcott, I am convinced. has a future on this tour. His bubbly nature has an infectiously good influence in the dressing room, allowing no one to feel sorry for himself, and, given the sustained work he needs, he may yet prove to be the man who gives England their best chance of bowling under revealing pressure when

For a spin bowler to have nets. If he fails to come campaign to destroy apartheid, "We appeal to President de Klerk to demonstrate his good faith in his attempts at reconcili-England urgently need more a replacement bowler looks With the honourable exception of Small, whom Gooch trolled, miserly quality provided here by Small. Fraser, on both sides", there was little who missed the first match,

innings points to extend their lead in the Sheffield Shield.

restrictive in the West Indies.

which may not entirely disappoint the England touring side. Georgetown, where they are due to play the third Test from March 10 to 15, has yet to refere a bull borded in the Bed

witness a hall bowled in the Red

Stripe Cup, the Caribbean's

first-class competition. Gayana's four-day matches against both Trinidad and To-

bago, at the weekend, and against Jamaica, last month,

against Jamaica, tast month, have been lost.

On Dominica, Barbades assured themselves of second place in the cup table with a nine-wicket win over Windward Islands. Gordon Greenidge, who

lands. Gordon Greenidge, who had cut short a contract with a club side in Canberra to return for the Red Stripe Cup, and thus qualify for selection for the Test series against England, scored his second century of the season for Barbados.

In South Africa, Western Province have reason to feel aggrieved that they only shared the Currie Cup with Eastern Province, after having had the better of the five-day final, which was drawn. Maguire, the Australian, took his 45th Currie Cup wicket of the season during

Cup wicket of the season during

SKIING: OLYMPIC CHAMPION CHASING RECORD-EQUALLING FOURTH OVERALL TITLE IN WORLD CUP

#### Sri Lanka **bowlers** in control

the end of Monday's play,

complaining of a strain under

the right armpit. No one

appears to consider it serious

but in their present situation it

is still an unwanted addition

The ongoing casualty bul-letins relate to Elicock and

Lamb. Their casebooks

should be closed following a

full practice today on St Lucia.

the team to play the Wind-

ward Islands starting tomor-

row, providing his calf injury

stands up to a session of

sprints. Ellcock's position re-mains more problematical but

his back strain will be put

time, to bowl flat out in the

through the test satisfactorily,

certain to be summoned. The choice rests between Glamor-

gan's Steve Watkin and Chris

Lewis, of Leicestershire.

Lamb will be included in

to England's worries.

Perth (AFP) — A sparkling display by Aravinda de Silva provided the platform for a comfortable Sri Lankan win over a Western Australian Country XI at Brookton, Western Australia. De Silva hit 96 from only 82 balls in 100 minutes, with 10 fours and three sixes, and had no challengers for the man-of-the-match award

In their last game before they meet Pakistan in a World Series Cup one-day game in Brisbane on Saturday, the Sri Lankans made 173 in 37.1 of the allotted 45 overs, a disappointing total in view of Aravinda de Silva's dominance. The only other contribution of any note came from Asoka de Silva, who hit four fours while staying just over an hour for 32.

Waldron, the captain and wicketkeeper of the Country team, took four catches and made two stumpings, while Menasse, who took three for 53 was the most successful bowler. Shine (29) and Knuckey (22) were the only home batsmen who looked like getting to grips with a Sri Lankan attack in which Asoka de Silva, Madurusinghe, Ratnayake and Ramanayake each claimed two wickets as the Country XI were dismissed for 110 and beaten by SCORES: Sri Lankans 173 (P A de Sāvs 95): Western Australian Country XI 110. Sri Lankana won by 63 runs.

## Alderman keeps Imran in check

From John Woodcock, Sydney

Test match again yesterday that even with the extra day, making four altogether, a draw has begun to look inevitable. A delayed start, owing to morning rain, and an early finish, because of bad light, meant that only 33.4 overs were bowled. In those Pakistan took their first innings from 110 for five to 199 all out.

Three more wickets for Alder-man gave him figures of five for 65; Jones held a brilliant catch at cover point, Mark Taylor a good one at second slip; and Imran took his batting average for the senes to 69. Except, briefly, while Wasim was Imran's partner, Australia had things much

their own way.

Alderman has bowled beautifully in this match, swinging the ball around, usually away from the bat, and cutting it back off the pitch, his length and direc-tion gave the batsmen no re-spite. Of the three sides to have played Test cricket in Australia this winter - New Zealand, Sri Lanka and Pakistan - only the Sri Lankans have come anywhere near to getting the better of him. When Wasim made his free-hitting hundred in the Adelaide Test match, Alderman

Imran's was a curious innings not greatly troubled yet pitched seemed to demand. It had become clear by yesterday that the pitch is unlikely ever to become a snakepit, as some thought it might. It would have allowed a more adventurous approach than Pakistan's. Indeed, needing a victory to level the series Pakistan owed it to themselves to try harder than they did to get the game moving. Imran batted 4% hours for his

unbeaten 82. Once yesterday he took two quick paces to Alder-man and deposited him on to the Hill at wide long on. Whereupon he twiddled his bat and went back into his shell. It was rather as though he has already decided that it is not a

Progress was so slow in the third match which can be won so account be lost.

Hardly a day passes, any-where when Australia are in the where when Australia are in the field, without the really rather grotesque Hughes getting involved in some sort of a shindig. Like Dennis Lillee before him (though Lillee, of course, was a much better bowler) Hughes is going to be responsible for thousands of young Australians graning up to think Australians growing up to think that cricket has more to do with street fighting than with subtlety

and style.

Hughes is a big-hearted bowler and a pretty good one, capable of moving the ball away from the bat quite disconcert-ingly. His captain likes to have him on the side. But he looks for trouble. Yesterday it was Waqar's turn to feel the strength of Hughes' shoulder when the two collided as Waqar was going

[mran says that in the second Test match Hughes "sledged" him so obscenely and with such regularity that in the end he asked him what he thought he was achieving by 11 Somewhat abashed Hughes spluttered something to the effect that be was letting off steam. It is just another area, I am afraid, where umpires are far too lax.

PAKISTAIL First Innings 

Total 199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-15, 3-20, 4-51, 5-106, 6-128, 7-154, 8-160, 9-187.

BOWLING: Alderman 33.5-18-65-5 (1nb): Hughes 31-18-70-3 (2nb), Rackemana 22-8-33-2 (1nb): P L Taylor 8-1-23-0.

AUSTRALIA: M A Taylor, M R J Veletta. T M Moody, D M Jones, S R Wagh, "A R Border, †1 A Healy, P L Taylor, C G Rackemana, M G Hughes and T M Adderman. Total 199

#### Young England slide to brink of defeat

outplayed Young England on the opening day of the third and deciding four-day match at the WACA Ground here yesterday. After bundling out Young England in the first innings for 71 in only 106 minutes. Young Australia scored 233 for five to lead by 162 runs and seem set to win and secure the series after the first two games were drawn.

The England innings was destroyed by the fast-medium bowler, Sieve Cottrell, whose

disconcerting swing and bounce gave him the impressive figures of six for 40 from an umbroken spell of 11 overs. The only Englishman who threatened to registered with Lancashire, who made 17. Young Australia dominated

just as completely with the bat. Their opening pair, Jason Young (69) and Brad Ruddell (68), figured in an opening stand of 132 in 144 minutes.

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Total (5 wicts) 233
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Oliver and D Coole to bot. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-132, 2-142, 3-147, 4-204, 5-231. 4-24, 5-231. BOWLING: Hallett 18-3-46-2; Gough 6-1-33-0; Butler 8-1-21-1; Cork 18-3-57-1; Botty 15-4-69-1.

# CYCLING Cammish tied

trialist, Ian Cammish, aged 33, has turned professional for Raleigh with a two-year, five-figure contract (a Special Correspondent writes).

50 miles in a time trial at more than 30mph - his time for the 100 miles is a remarkable 3hr 31min 53sec — the St Neots land agent will be attacking unpaced place to place road records. He is looking for fresh challenges.
At 6ft 3in and over 13st,
Cammish has as relaxed a temperament as that of any top-class athlete in Britain; he has been a rider with the most exacting personal standards. withdrew from the 1984 Olympic team time trial in Los Angeles, saying he was not fit enough to justify his place.

RUGBY UNION

# Guscott marriage rules him out of tour to Argentina

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

centre, who has scored in every international match he has played for England, will be unavailable for the tour to Argentina in July. He is due to be married that month, five

be married that month, five days after the projected date of the first game on July 9.

It seems probable that Guscott, of the present England squad for the five nations' championship, may not be alone in missing the sevenmatch tour, which ends on August 4. Consideration is being given to the close-season degiven to the close-season de-mands made of several leading players over the past three years — and that will be made of them in 1991, World Cup year - and selection for Argentina may be

trimmed on that account.
However, Guscout's position of centre is an area of some English strength. For instance, the replacements in Paris last weekend included two centres, Simon Halliday and Fran Clough; two more capped centres, John Buckton and Bryan Barley, played in the B international; and the student international included the remaining national included the promising Philip de Glanville, from Durham University, who has al-ready been a replacement in a B

Guscott will, though, be part of an unchanged Bath side to play Headingley on Saturday, in the fourth round of the

### Saracens's game plan criticized

Senatives of Emilea Borough Council on Friday in the hope of resolving the long-running saga of their search for a new home (David Hands writes). But they will do so against a background this week of recrimination from David Congress the decoupled. David Conway, the deputy lead-er of the council, who issued a statement yesterday declaring that the Courage Clubs Champ-

that the Courage Clubs Champ-ionship first-division club was "grossly irresponsible" to go ahead with plans for the league game with Bath on March 31. Saracens's home, at Bramley Sports Ground, Southgate, is in Conway's ward and he, along with Enfeld council's leader, the chief executive and Michael Portillo MP, will be involved in Friday's discussion concerning the possibility of removal to a more suitable area not far from

Southgate.
Conway said he was "horrified" to discover the club had arranged a fixture which, he ciaims, would create serious safety problems both on the ground and nearby roads. The difficulty arises because of the travelling support for Bath, the league champions, which would draw a crowd of some 3,000 to Southgate. The councilior is pressing for the game to be

Saracens had hoped to erect a temporary stand and a marquee to deal with the crowd at a match which they have made all-ticket and will limit to 2,500. Barney Richards, the secretary, said yesterday: "I wrote to the council drawing their attention to the game, making the point that we were concerned and looking for their support and

He has written to the council again, expressing concern at the attack on the club, which, elsewhere, talks of verbal and physical attacks on local residents by rugby enthusiasts.

The main complaint is visitors parking cars across people's driveways," he said.

Jeremy Guscott, the Bath Pilkington Cup. The holders retain the same XV, and replacements, who beat Harlequins 9-0 last month. quins 9-0 last month.

Leicester, too, are unchanged for their home tie against West Hartlepool. Having beaten London Welsh by 40 points in the last round, they will now take on snother third division club. Mei

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Rory Underwood, the Leices ter wing, is on the verge of becoming the most capped England back. Selection against Wales on February 17 would be his 37th cap. erasing the mark set by David Duckham, of Coventry, between 1969 and

Elsewhere in the cup, Gosforth, who play a full-strength Gloucester at Gateshead, have named Colin White the former England loose-head prop. in their squad. White, aged 42, and Terry Roberts, the lock, were part of the team who played Gloucester in the cup 12

years ago.
Tim Rodber, the England B
No. 8, returns to the Army XV
who play Cambridge University
this afternoon. He appears in the same pack as Richard Castleton, the Havant and Hampshire lock, who will be making his first appearance for the Army. Michael Walker, the Scottish under-21 cap who is at Bristol University, retains his place at stand-off half.

## Jones to help Fiji cup plans Alan Jones, the former Australian coach, has agreed to act in

an advisory capacity to Fiji as an advisory capacity to Fiji as they prepare for the 1991 World Cup (David Hands writes). Moreover, two former All Blacks, Tane Norton and Eddie Dunn, will be working with the Fijian national squad as part of scheme to the islanders.

Fiji are due to visit Japan, where they will play an international on March 3, before

taking part in the Cathay Pa-cific-Hong Kong Bank sevens at the end of the month. There-after, they will take part in the South Pacific championship. Local sponsorship, has been found to being long to Elli found to bring Jones to Fiji, where he will advise on coaching, while Norton, the former hooker, and Dunn, a stand-off half in his playing days, will be

Cornwall have been stunned by a 5,000 cut in capacity, under the Safety of Sport Grounds Act, for the Toshiba County Championship semi-final against Middlesex, at Redruth, on March 3 (Michael Austin writes). Only 11,000 spectators will be allowed to stand, com-pared with the previous 16,000, and Cornwall are expecting a capacity crowd of almost 12,000

Dr Victor Phillips, the Cornwall secretary, said: "We last gainst Lancashire in 1969. We expected the restrictions, but anticipated only a 15 per cent drop in capacity, which would have been 2,400.

"We had a 7,500 crowd for last year's semi-final against Warwickshire, but there was so much interest in the final, with 20,000 travelling from Cornwall to Twickenham, that we are expecting a sell-out this time." With the Redruth stand capacity restricted to 669, all seating tickets were sold within a week of Cornwall qualifying

### Ireland's injured need time to earn selection

With five key players injured, it might have been wiser to have postponed next Monday night's meeting of the Ireland selectors to choose the team for the match against France in Paris on March 3. Jimmy McCoy, a prop. Steve Smith, a booker, Pat O Hara, a

flanker, Brendan Mullin, a centre, and Gary Halpin, a prop, are under a cloud. Four of them have figured in the two championship games this season, and McCoy most certainly would have but for injury.

McCoy is due to have splints removed from a thumb tendon injury in just under two weeks; Smith is still experiencing dis-

cartilage against England;
O'Hara left the field against
Scotland with a cheekbone fracture, which scottang with a checkerouse tran-ture, which X-rays confirmed on Monday; Mullin had a knee probe on Monday; and Halpin spent a week in hospital after a bout of internal bleeding following a league match a week after his international debut against England. It seems most unlikely that these players will be ignored for a match that is the best part of a month away. Rather than nam-

ing the team on Tuesday it might have been more appromight have been more appro-priate to have listed 30 players to attend a squad session at Lansdowne Road on Sunday week, after which the team

## Knowledge of the game limits Argentine side

Pocklington.

St George's... St George's College, from Bue-nos Aires, had lost five matches and won one during their British

tour, and it was to their credit that they came so close to upsetting Pocklington in a scrappy, shapeless encounter yesterday Pocklington won with two goals, a try and a penalty, to a try and two

The stronger and heavier Pocklington pack would have dominated but for the courage and spirit of the St George's tackling. None did better in this department than Morley, in the centre, and Gilroy and Miquelarena, in the pack, The problem for St George's was the vast dispanty among their team with regard to know-ledge of the game, and its laws in

particular. Several members of the side were dedicated flyhackers.
Pocklington, in the absence of Edwards, their North of England stand-off half, were far from impressive. The backs ran across the field and no one

the attack or timing a pass. It was 27 minutes before Day. who had worked several outra-geous dummy scissors, found a gap to score and convert, but a penalty by Lord cut Pocklington's lead. Ficros Pocklington pressure was rewarded when Newsome worked the blind side and Reece

scored. Lord's second penalty, for a late tackle by Gilbertson, made it 10-6 at half-time.

Facing the wind in the second half. Clarke, fielding a stack kick, put the speedy Massey away for the best try of the match. But St George's, after a spell of pressure, scored when Lord peeled off a nine-man scrum for an unorthodox try.

Day had the final say with a penalty.

Penalty.

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# Inspired by the news that their who are skiing as guests in the

to attend the final day of the Portakabin British Services International Alpine championships in Megeve, France, the training time of 1:37.71 on the

the carriage special statom. the men's downhill showed that fastest descent from the British the defending champions, the military skiers, in 1:45.62. Once Italian Alpini, will have to ski at again, the national handicap their best if they are to retain their team title in tomorrow's

rose to 5° C with clear blue skies, From here, they move on to the the snow conditions were per-fect for both the slalom and the

Tana McQuoid, of the Army, won the individual carriage special slalom event, by being the fastest servicewoman over both courses, held on the Radaz piste. However, Helen Kegan, of the British Ski High School,

competition, recorded the quickest time in the second run. Osta Walter, an Italian Alpini, recorded the best downhill

2,200-metre De L'Etret course. the carriage special slalom. Craig Bonnington, of the The final two training runs of Royal Air Force, produced the skiers are attending the meeting, and four of the racers, led by Although the temperature in the downhill training runs. world championships in Colo-

Courmayeur (Reuter) - Pirmin Zurbriggen, the Swiss all-rounder, stretched his overall World Cup lead with his first victory of 1990 in the supergiant slalom yesterday.

Chasing a record-equalling fourth overall title in his final

year of competition, the Olympic downhill champion clocked 1min 21,99sec on hard, compact Zurbriggen swept in ahead of Guenther Mader, of Austria, at 1:22.77, with Peter Runggaldier,

of Italy, third, in 1:23.08. "I just charged down because I wanted to win after all the frustrating races I've had in the past few weeks," Zurbriggen said. "There were lots of curves and bumps, and you had to ski well to stay on.

It was his third success this

season and the first since the opening downhill of the season at Val Gardena, Italy, in December. With Ole Christian Furuseth, of Norway, his nearest rival for the overall crown,

finishing sixteenth after making several mistakes, the Swiss stretched his lead to 83 points

Menuires, slid into the first gate and also lost speed in the final part of the run.
Furuseth said he made a bad
mistake in the steep upper part

discipline in Sestriere, Italy, in December, also took over the lead in the super-giant standings on 73 points. He displaced Lars-Boerje Eriksson, of Sweden, who finished fourteenth in Courmayeur and was pushed

Wasmeier and Hans Stuffer and now has 295.

Furuseth, who clocked faster times than Zurbriggen in the last two super-giants in the French resorts of Val d'Isère and Les were tied in sixth place. The next men's races will be a slalom and a giant slalom in Jasna, Czechoslovakia, on March 3 and 4. A downhill originally scheduled for Laax, Switzerland, on February 11,

of the track, where many skiers lost time. "I went too wide at a bump and I could not see the next gate," he said. "I lost a good opportunity."
Zurbriggen, a winner in the

down to third place on 56 points behind Mader on 61. Kurt Ladstactter was fifth and veteran.

The Royal inspiration Zurbriggen extends lead over rival to Raleigh

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**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

**YACHTING** 

Mizzenmast lost

in a cruel deal

for The Card

As the Whitbread Round the World Race yachts attempted to

pick their way south-east to-wards the strong westerly winds of the Roaring Forties yes-terday, they encountered caims east of New Zealand which led

Pierre Felhmann's Swiss crew

aboard Men't managed to cling on to first place but saw the French maxi, Charles Jourdan,

make a strong run north east of the leaders to climb from sev-

the leaders to climb from seventh to second at the expense of Grand Dalton's New Zealand ketch, Fisher & Paykel.

The Card, Roger Nilson's Swedish entry which lost its mizzenmast in a collision soon after the start last Sunday, also suffered a dramatic change in fortune, slipping six places to stand twelfth, 47 miles behind the leader.

Peter Blake, the skipper of the third-placed New Zealand yacht, Steinlager 2, reported yesterday: "It's been a frustrat-

ing time and no one has made many miles overnight. One

moment there is not a breath of air, and at other times there is a

light breeze from the wrong

direction. The wind is very local. When the new breeze arrived yesterday, Fisher & Paykel got it first, then Merit and us, but Rothmans [back in fifth place last night] didn't get it at all."

Grant Dalton also reported the wind "swinging in all direc-tions in stark contrast to the strong-running conditions we

experienced during our second

night at sea".

In contrast to the widely spread maxi fleet, the smaller entries remain closely bunched, with just 25 miles dividing the Datch divisions the manual for

# League may decide to have its own membership scheme

**FOOTBALL** 

implemented would not only

breakdown of Ian Crook's pro-posed transfer from Norwich City (Chris Moore writes).

Coveniry confirmed they had agreed to pay £750,000 for the former Tottenham Hotspur midfield player and had been

led to believe the deal only had

to be "rubber-stamped". But a statement issued by Robert Chase, the Norwich chairman,

made it clear that Crook would

undergone an operation for a depressed fracture of the cheek-

■ Now that Greenwich Council

have rejected Charlton Athlet-

ic's application for planning permission for their return to

The Valley, the club will have to discuss arrangements with Crys-

at The Valley to include

Chelsea's home game with

this afternoon for a fourth time since December 30. Today's

clash is a Budweiser Cup quar-ter-final game at Solitude, the

venue last week when Glentoran prevailed 1-0 in an Irish Cup fifth-round replay.

Two 1-0 wins for Glentoran

and a 1-1 draw are the results so

far and there is nothing to suggest anything other than

another close encounter.

The provincial challenge for

"It depends what sort of cards at the turnstiles. One nefits are attached to such a company, ADT Check-in, has

However, the type of system a dozen different companies Phillips would like to see on my desk," Phillips said. "It

Norwich call off

**Crook transfer** 

already offered a scheme

The management com-

mittee will devote part of the meeting today to consider other implications of the Tay-

lor report. One subject to

come under discussion will be

The remainder of the

"I bave firm offers from half

is just a matter of taking time

left half who captained Charlton Athletic to victory in the 1947 FA Cup final against Burnley, died at his home in Stevenage at the weekend. After his playing

days, Welsh went on to manage Brighton (1947-51) and Liverpool (1951-6). • Mark Barham is to sign a two-

year contract with Brighton after impressing during a month's

● The Manchester United util-

ty player, Colin Gibson, will make a long-awaited comeback on Saturday. The former Aston Villa midfield player has been ruled out by a knee injury, and also suffered from a Bells Palsy, an allment which left part of his

an ailment which left part of his face temporarily paralysed.

Nottingham Forest have extended Lee Glover's loan to

Barnsley for another month.

● Notts County last night ex-pressed deep concern over their

future in the wake of the Taylor

report. They are losing £3,000 a

week and warn they could be forced to close down if the

Government were to insist on

based on vouchers.

The Football League management committee will be urged to implement a voluntary national membership scheme benefits are attached to such a scheme, but I believe there is a good chance of its working if at its meeting in Manchester today. Trevor Phillips, the commercial director of the League, believes that such a we get the ground rules right" It is envisaged that membership would cost around £5 and supporters would be encouraged to participate by a series of incentives, including discounts on tickets and club facilities combined with ne would belp raise some of the £130 million required to convert all first and second division grounds into all-seater stadiums by 1994. discounts on tickets and club facilities, combined with priority for tickets at grounds where capacities could be greatly reduced during the next decade.

Phillips, who says he will be pushing the idea "as aggres-sively as possible", insists that the demand for a scheme Lord Justice Taylor opposed a national membership scheme as planned by the Government, because he had exists among supporters. "We have carried out a lot of research over the last 18 months, and that has shown that a lot of people would join "serious misgivings about its next season. likely impact on safety". "I have fir a national membership scheme," he added.

"I think the feeling out there among the genuine supporters is that the hooligans have had it their way long enough: now be voluntary, but would also not involve the use of expenbe voluntary, but would also not involve the use of expensive and experimental computerized technology, involving the use of plastic. it is time for us to take the

### Fulham get ready to move out Coventry City were angry last night at what they saw as the lack of courtesy surrounding the breakdown of lan Crook's pro-

By Dennis Signy

While Hammersmith and Fulham council pursue an applica-tion for a compulsory purchase order on Craven Cottage, Jimmy Hill, the Fulham chairman, is going ahead with plans for his club to move out and ensure their future at a new site.

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Fulham withdrew their sup-port for the order last week and reached an agreement worth up to £13 million with Cabra made it clear that Crook would be staying at Carrow Road.

That infuriated John Sillett, the Coventry manager, not least because it was the first his club knew of deal falling through.

Coventry, meanwhile, will be without Peter Billing for their two Littlewoods Cup, semi-final, ties against Nottingham Forest. The central defender has undersone an operation for a Estates, the owners of the ground, to leave Craven Cottage in the next three years, with an option of a further three years' sharing at another ground, prob-ably Queen's Park Rangers, at Cabra's expense if they have not found a permanent home by

It was revealed vesterday that Fulham had signed an undertaking with Cabra not to share a ground at Stamford Bridge with Chelsea. Hill, though, plans talks with Wimbledon, who hope to move from Plough Lane, about sharing a new stadium. Hill argues that if the two clubs pooled their financial resources they would be better tail Palace for straying at Selhurst Park next season. They are to appeal against Council refusal of permission for a redevelopment able to get a stadium to stan-dard. Fulham have received £2 million from Cabra and are due

#### Anderson is cleared of allegations

Viv Anderson was awarded "substantial damages" in the High Court yesterday over newspaper stories alleging that he assaulted the Wimbledon forward, John Fashame, in a

forward, John Fasham, in a gradge attack over a woman.

Two Sunday Mirror articles had implied the Manchester United and former England defender lashed out in the players' tame! at Winshledon because Fasham had stolen a woman from him. But this was whalk workers a hadernon's course. wholly mirrie, Anderson's coun-sel, Thomas Shields, said. It had caused the footballer and his wife "considerable distress and embarrassment".

embarrassment".

The stories, which both appeared on November 6, 1988, also falsely claimed Anderson had nursed a grudge against Fashann for many years. The damages awarded were not disclosed.

Liverpool and Sheffield, who neatly from a free kick.
will meet in the semi-final of the Sheffield went one down in will meet in the semi-final of the Shemed went one down in the first few minutes against quarter-finals by a 3-1 margin (George Chesterton writes).

Liverpool brought in Abdoola, who stands oft 4in, as a last-minute replacement for McDonald who had influence. a last-minute replacement for McDonald, who had influenza, and he scored twice in the first half against Redbridge, who pulled a goal back by half-time. Fifteen minutes after the interval, Fowler, who has 21 goals to his credit this season, headed in

Forward pass: April Thomas, Young's girlfriend, embraces the idea of his move to Leeds

## Job tempts Young to Leeds

David Young, the Cardiff, Wales and British Isles rugby union prop forward, signed for Leeds yesterday, admitting that the vital ingredient in the package was the provision of a job.

Young, aged 22, said that his inability to find work in Wales was a big factor in his decision to accent the offer from Accept the offer from Headingley. He has been given a 5½-year deal with Leeds, and expects to make his rugby league debut in the reserve team

game at Halifax on Friday.

Although so details have been releasd by the Leeds club, Young is believed on good authority to have been given a contract which exceeds the £150,000 package given to Jouathan Davies when he joined Widnes, the champious. Young annears to have been given a given to grane to have been given a given appears to have been given a down payment of £40,000, a contract worth £120,000, and the vital carrots of a job and a

their Meadow Lane ground being converted into an all-seat FA Trophy draw benefit home countries

Tottenham on Saturday will be all-ticket. The Stamford Bridge box office will remain open until 8pm on Friday for sale of the 36,000 available tickets.

The Stoke City manager, Alam Bali, has switched his attentions to the Norwich City winger,

# **Encounter of fourth kind**

By George Ace Cliftonville and Gleateran meet

Linfield have signed John Kerr, for the rest of the season. Kerr, who spent a season at Portsmouth before going to Washington Stars, has been in impressive form in a Linfield side which has emerged from side which has emerged from the shadows since his arrival, winning their last four games.

Kerr was born in Toronto of Scottish parents, A naturalized American, he trained with the US World Cup squad before arriving at Windsor Park.

Roy Coyle, the Linfield manager, said: "Kerr has settled in very quickly. I could not be more pleased with him."

# Irish league honours, so vibrant a few weeks ago, is beginning to fade. Portadown still lead, but only one point ahead of Linfield, with Glentoran a point away. Liverpool deputy is outstanding

Barclay's under-19 competition games. Alleyn's, entertaining Erith, found themselves two down at half-time, but forced extra time at 3-3 and eventually ran out winners by 5-4.

Exeter College took the lead after 20 minutes of their replay against Millfield but were forced into extra time and then a penalty shoot-out, when Bed-ford, of Millfield, twice saved brilliantly enabling his side to go through by 3-1.

ing tour with the Britain Isles in Australia last summer, said: "I am looking forward to proving myself in rugby league. I am young enough to have time to make the grade and to realize my full notential in the game make the grade and to realize my full potential in the game, though I appreciate from the experience of others it is not easy to make the transition. "I leave ragby union with many happy memories of excit-ing matches with Wales and the British Lions, but I will pow devote myself to a new same, a

devote myself to a new game, a new club and a new life." Leeds were both delighted and teeus were ours dengated and relieved to be able to announce the capture of Young. They had been rebuffed by Tony Clement, another Welsh star, who was on the verge of signing mutil talks broke down on the question of personal terms.

Front terms.
Young comes at a cracial stage personal terms. of the season. Leeds, dismissed from the Silk Cut Challenge Cup

championship table and are desperate for trophy success after several years in the cup wilderness. They are close on the heels of Wigan, the leaders, with two games in hand, and if Young settles in quickly at Headingley his powerful scrummaging and loose play could play a vital part in the onship and premiership. 6 The first match under the new floodlights at Doncaster will be the Great Britain v France Under-21 international return match on Friday week. A Great Britain training squad of 17 has been announced, from which a final selection will be made on

Triesday.

Stillab: Backs: G Anderson (Castieford), G Consolly (St Helens), P Delaney, V Fascett (both Leeds), R Gesideng (Wigan), S Irwin (Castieford, capt), P Newlove (Factherstone Rovers), T Stillium (Huß Kingston Rovers), R Tumer (Warrington), Forwards: D Batts, P Clarks, I Gildart (all Wigan), S Molloy (Warrington), G Price (Wakefield Trinity), N Roebeck, G Scuthernscood (both Castieford), P Summer (Warrington).

ICE SKATING Murdoch

to Conway

By John Hennessy

Joanne Conway - the British

Joanne Conway — the British figure skating champion until she was deposed by Emma Murdoch last November — has lost her chance of competing in next month's world championships in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Conway was to have taken part in a screening with Murdoch and Andrea I was the took

doch and Andrea Law, who took

### Ambitious plans could preferred

From Colin McQuillan, Toronto

**SQUASH RACKETS** 

scouland and Wales may become early beneficiaries of an
important North American
though and Cardiff can become major
developments around this
week's Mennen Cup here continue as planned.

"Talking to these two guys has
shown me that Edinburgh and
Cardiff can become major
squash centres, and I have the
sponsorship available to exploit
that," Marshall said.

Trevor Marshall, the Mennen promoter, who has already an-nounced plans for a top-grade women's tournament in Hong Kong later this year, and the men's 1992 World Open in Canada, is suggesting he will stage the 1993 World Open in Edinburgh, and then look to link the same event with the football

## Jackman's recovery

IMS Courtlands must have a winning start. This was soon thought they had a chance of countered when Liz Irving came registering their first win in the SRA Superleague when the Martin. Alison Comings beat distractions of a flapping skirt left Cassie Jackman, of Colets, floundering to Ruth Strauss (a Special Correspondent writes).

RESULTS: UTC Cannon 1, Yellow Pages Cannon 2, UTC Cannon 1, Yellow Pages Cannon 1, Ye

It was only at matchball down that the Norfolk girl stopped thinking of pulling her skirt together and gathered herself together instead. The errors ceased and the points accumulated to provide Colets with

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

He plans to visit Cardiff during the Leekes Welsh Classic later this month, to discuss commercial development on what is already the biggest men's Grand Prix event in Britain. Then he will go onto Edinburgh, with Maclean, to pursue the staging of the World Open on a

the injured Conway's place in the European championships in Leningrad last week, but the National Skating Association (NSA) has now confirmed Murstage the 1993 World Open in Edinburgh, and then look to link the same event with the football World Cup in Los Angeles, in the following year.

Marshall has adapted the international base of his lucrative invitation field for this year's round-robin Menmen event to include, for the first time, the Scottish No. I, Mark Maclean, and the leading Welshman, Adrian Davies. doch's selection for Halifax. Sally Stapleford, chairman of the NSA's figure committee, said: "Emma put in a good performance to come fifteenth in Leningrad on her first outing at this level, while Joanne is still

RESULTS: UTC Cannons 1, Yellow Pages Caversham 2 (UTC Cannons players first): I. Souther lost M Le Moignan, 9-6, 2-9, 1-9, 0-9; S Homer lost S Fitzgarati, 2-9, 8-10, 2-9; R Beet bt S Wright, 6-9, 7-8, 9-4, 9-0, 9-8. BMS Countlands 1, Coleba 2 (MMS Countlands players first): I. Inving bt M Martin, 9-4, 6-9, 9-9, 9-3; S Langley lost A Cumings, 0-9, 3-0, 0-9; R Strauss lost C Jackman, 9-7, 9-7, 8-10, 3-9, 6-9.

## suffering from injuries and is, I understand, due to have a leg operation in the next few weeks." Law was 23rd in Leningrad. The NSA has dropped Cheryl Peake and Andrew Naylor, the British pairs champions. Their place has gone to Catherine Barker and Michael Aldred,

who were second in the British championships and ninth (one place behind Peake and Naylor) in Leuingrad. "The international response to Catherine and Michael was encouraging and we want to foster their potential," Stapleford said. TEARE & Cousins (Desside), E fluctioch (Scilius); Pairs: C Berter and M Aldred (Durham); Ice dance: L Berton and A Place (Slough), A Hell and J Bloomfield (Slough).

#### GOLF

#### **Boys selected** to train with **England** men

Boy golfers Ian Garbutt and Carl Watts are in the England senior training squad, and must now be contenders for places in the first international against France at Morfontaine, near Paris, on May 12 and 13. Garbutt, aged 17, the England boys champion, will be in a party of 10 being coached by John Stirling at Valderrama, Spain, from March 27 to April 3. Watts, aged 18, the British boys champion, is in another party of 10 at the same venue from April 3 to 10, when Keith

Williams will be in charge.
Two Walker Cup players,
Peter McEvoy and Bobby Eggo,
have declined the invitations to Spain because of other

#### Dutch division two yacht, Equity & Law, from West Germany's Schlussel von Bremen, bringing up the rear in division

successor who will be able to make full use of the association's extensive international and service contacts and experience built up during the 20 years that the RNSA has run this race. Other changes will also be made but the exact form of the race thorough consultation with owners, skippers and sponsors, some of whom will be invited to

Britain's Maiden, which moved up to take third place in the division 3 fleet yesterday, also reported fitful conditions. "We're cruising along pretty

# Taberly (Fr), 5,528; 2, La Posto, D Max (Fr), 5,528; equal 3, Meiden, T Echerot, (GB) and Rucanor Sport, B Dubols (Be), 5,532; 5,64hussel von Bremen, R Person (WG), 5,538. CRUSSER DIVISION.

Leading positions

slowly, within sight of Schlussel and L'Esprit de Liberté. We are now faced with the tactical decision of going east or south to break clear of the stationary high sitting right on top of us. We've decided to go south and are looking forward to meeting stronger winds later this week," she said yesterday.

In England, Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Commander of the Royal Naval Sailing Association, the race organizers, has

ation, the race organizers, has confirmed that rear Admiral Charles Williams, the present race chairman, will not be leading the organization of the next race in 1993.

In a statement issued yesterday, Admiral Black said:

The RNSA will be selecting a

#### **SNOOKER**

## Hearn upset over Taylor's claims

mand for loyalty from the members of his Matchroom sporting conslowers and the schedule, and I have told him so. In comparison to Stone sporting conglomerate, which embraces both snooker and boxing, may precipitate the expulsion of the former world champion, Dennis Taylor, when his contract comes up for re-

lost 5-4 to his Matchroom colleague, Willie Thorne, in the Benson and Hedges Masters first round at Wembley, Taylor carped over an itinerary that had involved him in an 800mile journey to Wembley, tak-ing in matches in Coventry and Gateshead en route, last week-end. He suggested that if Hearn "paid more attention to snooker these days", it wouldn't have

these days", it wouldn't have happened.

Taylor also said he was "disgusted" with Hearn, and thought the itinerary "ridiculous". But yesterday, Hearn, after speaking to Taylor by telephone, pointed out that Taylor was chauffered throughout the trip in the Matchroom's 21-foot Lincoln Continental limousing and said. "I don't limousine, and said: "I don't

so. In comparison to Steve Davis and Stephen Hendry, Dennis has had a far less The pair will meet next week to discuss the matter further but,

unless Taylor is prepared to newal in April

Hearn was privately outraged
by the Irishman's public criticism of him on Sunday. Having

Taylor was anything but

repentant yesterday, saying "I'm sticking to my guns and by what I said at the press conference. I'm not going to change that, and I still think it was a stupid itinerary. Barry is the only person I've spoken to who thinks it was fair." All of this overshadowed a

gutsy performance by Tony Knowles, whose career is somewhat in decline and who, yes-terday, let slip a 3-0 lead before finally overcoming the former world champion, Terry Grif-fiths, 5-4 to reach the last eight of the Masters.

OF THE MUSICUS.

RESULTS: Monday: Plant round: J White (Eng) bt J Virgo (Eng), 5-3. Yestenday: First round: A Knowles (Eng) bt T Giffthis (Wales), 5-4. Today? a order of play: First round: (hest of nine frames): Space: J Johnson (Eng) v M Hallett (Eng). 7psx. J Wattana (Thai) v S Davis (Eng).

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Sarah Loosemore was involved in a superbly entertaining match points in the second set, and sarah Loosemore was invived in a superbly entertaining match with Aake Huber, aged 15, of West Germany, for the second time in two weeks yesterday, but lost the encounter in the first round of the Fernleaf Classic in Wellington, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2 (Barry Wood writes). Wood writes). The future of the game can be

entrusted to players such as these. Their total commitment momentum. and aggressive tactics were a pleasure to watch, and Huber's ability to pull herself out of difficulty on several occasions was particularly impressive. Loosemore, aged 18, had the opportunity to win the first six games, but Huber twice held off break points, and recovered

#### from 2-4 to take the opening set. 8-0. Bailey goes through

**TENNIS** 

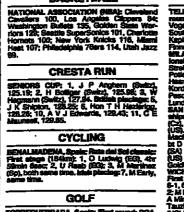
Chris Bailey's winning form continued in the second round of the LTA \$50,000 Men's Challenger tournament at Telford yesterday when he beat the South African, Dean Botha, 6-4. 6-2. He will play Peter (Nyborg, of Sweden, in the quarter-finals.

"I played even better than yesterday," Bailey said. He (USSR), 6-7, 6-4, 7-8.

# BASKETBALL Loosemore looks good

points in the second set, and with Loosemore striking the ball ever more powerfully and confidently, the young German, coached by Boris Braskvar, the former mentor of Boris Becker and Steffi Graf, raised her game to another level. Her forehand was particularly damaging as, down 1-2, she won 12 of the next 14 points to regain the momentum.

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Loseamore (GB), 6-4, 0-8, 6-2; J Richardson (NZ) bt B Condwell (NZ), 6-0, 2-5, 6-3;
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# Holland will battle to cleanse his sport



Wally Holland, the honorary secretary of the British Amateur Weightlifters Association (BAWLA), accepts that he might be forced to resign because of the drugs controversy surrounding the sport, but says he wants to remain in office to help conquer the

Holland, whose sport is facing at least five inquiries following the scandal over Steve Pinsent, the 1982 Commonwealth champion, who was jailed in November for supplying anabolic steroids, and the rash of positive tests before and during the Games in New Zealand, is willing to accept some of the

He said: "I will not shirk that responsibility. At the end of the day if someone is guilty I may have to be the one, although I had nothing to do with it. "Just as Mrs Thatcher, as head of

the Government has to accept

some of the responsibility even if

the actual blame lies miles down the line, so it is with me." In the only interview he will give until the results of the inquiries are known, Holland told The Times

Sofia (Rester) - Borislav Gidikov, the former world middleweight weightlifting champion, has been banned by Bulgarian sports authorities for 18 months after failing a drugs test, a Bulgarian newspaper said on Tuesday. The youth daily, Narodna Mladezh, said Gidikov was tested at a taken anabolic steroids. He won his title in Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, in

responsibilities instead of leaving them to some other poor devil to deal with," he said.

Holland, who was the England team manager at the Games, said he was "totally surprised" by the positive tests on three British lifters over the last three months. They involved Dean Willey, the defending Commonwealth middleweight hampion, and the two Welshmen in Auckland, Ricky Chaplin and Gareth Hives.

He points out that there only three lifters who failed tests in the years between 1983 and 1989. However, power lifting, which is also controlled by the BAWLA, has had a great number of "positives" in recent years, including seven since last April.

There is a growing belief that anabolic steroids may have

contributed to the death of Tom Hawk, the British under-23 recordholder, who collapsed in a strongman competition in Scotland last July. When police searched his hotel room, they found hormone

"What these people do not realize is the publicity and shame of being caught and what happens to their jobs and family," Holland

From his tiny office in Oxford, in which there is not enough room to lift a barbell, Holland, an amateur official, has repeatedly warned his 17,500 members of the dangers of

In his 36 years as secretary of the BAWLA, the last three months have been the most "traumatic" for Holland, who is also president of the European Federation. The world governing body will consider in March whether Britain should be barred from all events for a year after the two positive tests in New

The wording of a new regulation, with the possibility of a \$2,000 fine, is so ambiguous that it is unclear whether the International Federation is obliged to act.

The position of weightlifting in multi-sports events like the Olympic Games is under threat. Five out of the 10 competitors who were

the sport. Holland said: "Many sports are decrying weightlifting even though not many sports can be sure they are free of drugs. There has been the suggestion to use the yardstick of drugs to remove weightlifting from the Games. If this is society's attitude then every sport with a drug problem should be removed."

After all, there have been more than 120 cases of drug irregularities in athletics since 1975, but no one has suggested removing this sport from the next Olympic or

Even before the "positives" in Auckland, the BAWLA, the only national governing body which automatically banned someone for life after a positive test for hormone drugs, had agreed with the Sports Council a programme of out-of-competition tesing with sampling officers liable to arrive unannounced at a competitor's home or gymnasium.

Holland is optimistic that this will help eliminate drug-taking from a sport which is such a splendidly basic test of physical

lovers and administrators to pro-tect the future generations from the dangers of drug-taking."

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Jean-Marie Balestre, the autocratic president of the Federation Internationale Automobile (FIA) and its sporting arm, the Federation Internationale du Sport Automobile (FISA), may be the most controversial administrator in the long history of motor sport, but even his most bitter critics concede that no one has had a greater in-fluence over the conduct and management of the sport.

The man who has recently been embroiled with McLaren

Ayrton Senna and the organizers of the Le Mans 24-hour race, has been part of the motor sport scene for many years. After a background in journalism, Balestre moved into administration in the 1950s, initially concerned with dent of the French motor sport wrested control of the sport in France from its traditional power base, the Automobil

Club de France (ACF). He emerged as a highly skilled politician with a seemingly inexhaustible energy, ideal credentials for a man with his eye already on the sport to its rightful place, and won a sweeping victory.



able presidency of Bernie Once installed into the presidency of the CSI, which

he quickly renamed FISA the better to reflect its importance, Balestre was soon in bitter conflict with his new adversary. The outside world saw the FISA-FOCA war as one between the new turbo teams (supported by Balestre), and the non-turbo majority, but actually it was about who ran Formula One, and was only resolved by the creation of the Concorde Agreement, which effectively restored administrative control to FISA, but

gave FOCA the major stake in the lucrative television rights. Both sides claimed a victory on that occasion, but there is no doubt that Balestre has subsequently scored regularly since. Using safety as the justification, he forced through the ban on underbody skirts against concerted opposition

from teams which had invested 50 heavily in them. Perhaps most significantly of all, he has steered through a drastic reconstruction of the rule book, inserting into it the justification for his inflexible attitude towards drivers, teams and race organizers who

have opposed him recently. For example, few realized the importance of the clause forbidding any criticism of FISA until it was used so vigorously against them.

Balestre has gone a long way down his chosen road of re-establishing the FIA, through FISA, as the supreme power in international motor

sport. In doing so he has made many enemies, yet remains as firmly in control as ever, having been re-elected to the presidency for the third time.
Why? Probably because be has worked energetically to ensure the support of affiliated delegates; and because even

his severest critics admire his industry, if not his often uncontrollable temper. Balestre is tough, as well as clever, which is probably why Michele Boeri of the AC de Monaco, previously one of his most outspoken adversaries,

said at re-election time how necessary it was to the sport that Balestre retained the presidency. These days he may spend more time than previously wielding a chainsaw at his holiday home in the hills

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behind the French Riviera; but it will take someone a lot sharper than that implement to remove him from his sent of

# Consortium holds majority shares in Bradford City

ended yesterday when a con-sortium of five men an-of the third but that is nounced that it had purchased more than 81 per cent of the money available to strengthen shares in Bradford City Foot- the team if need be.

The new chairman is David club is in first-class shape but Simpson, head of a local leisure company, who was about any of the schemes on formerly the chairman of the drawing board until we Keighley Rugby League Club have had our first directors and who has been a lifelong meeting. supporter of the second di-

He is joined by David 30 years ago and I'm ab-Thompson, the vice-chair-man, who was previously on the heard as financed district. the board as finance director, oped into one of the best and David Taylor, Mark grounds and teams in the Woodhead and Paul country."
Wilkowski, a Manchester Originally there were two

No changes are immediate- shares of Jack Tordoff, the ly envisaged but Simpson former chairman, but when said: "It is absolutely vital that they realized their objects

porary charge of the club, who

Peter Bloom, the chairman, said: "We had an emergency board meeting last night and decided to dismiss Ken Brown

this morning following the

team's poor performances over

a period of time. It was an

Plymouth have not won at

Brown, aged 55, has come

under increasing pressure from his directors because of

his reluctance to buy players to

amicable parting."

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from the second division.

**Brown dismissed** 

by Plymouth

Plymouth Argyle yesterday dismissed their manager, Ken mouth that he had £500,000 to Brown, after a run of 17 spend, but Brown's only trans-

matches with only one victory. fer activity was to bring Greg-

John Gregory, dismissed as ory to Home Park on a two-

manager of Portsmouth last month playing contract.
month, has been put in tem- Gregory had been player-

manager at Portsmouth.

Brown, who had 18 mouths

left on his contract, joined

Plymouth in June 1988 after

the departure of Dave Smith.

The former West Ham and

England defender was also

dismissed from his previous

parted on amicable terms.

Because of the results, the

directors had to make a de-

cision and I've caught the

brunt of it. From what the

players have said to me, they felt they had let me down."

Brown said: "We have

managerial job at Norwich.

Seven weeks of speculation we stay in the second division. were similar, they united to

Terry Fountain, the prenonsense. There will be vious vice-chairman, has also sold his small holding in the club and resigned from the board of directors. "Apart from results, the no decision will be made

Simpson was previously employed as commercial between 1970 and 1974 and he said: "When I realized the "I have been a supporter of shares might be available I the club since my childhood wanted to become involved in my favourite club."

Tordoff sold his 81 per cent holding and said: "I have wanted to get out of football for sometime but force of circumstances kept me in the consortia bidding for the

> we had the fire and I felt it important to stay on.

"Then Stafford Heginbotham wanted to sell his share and I've bought it to stop it falling into other hands. I'm going to enjoy my leisure time as I shall still be a supporter of the club."

Tordoff has been made an honourary life president of the West Yorkshire side. Under Tordoff, Bradford came within two points of the first division in 1988 but what some described as an overcautious approach by the chairman, who refused the money required to sign a key player (as promoted Middlesbrough did with Trevor Senior), damaged their hopes and led to a rift with Terry Dolan, the manager, who was later dismissed.

The development of the Midland Road side of the ground at a cost of approximately £2 million and possible round-sharing with Bradford Northern Rugby League team are two items which will be discussed in the near future but present pre-occupations are with the parlous state of the team, which has yet to win a League match away from home, has only two sides below it in the second division and is a candidate for



# Williams waits for positive outcome to his drugs test

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

For the first time in the history of drugs in sport, a British athlete is hoping that a drug test on him will prove

Derek Williams, the Battersea heavyweight, who lost his European title to Jean Maurice Chanet, of France, last Saturday at Saint-Dizier, is praying that the report from the French boxing federation will throw some light on why he was outpointed in a bout he should have won in a round.

"I was ballucinating and, afterwards, I thought I was going to die. I still don't feel right today," Williams said yesterday. "The most imyesterday. "The most im-portant thing is to do a Sherlock Holmes investigation job to discover what

Williams, who said he had never felt fitter before a contest, collapsed immediately afterwards, and was taken to hospital complaining of paralysis from the thighs down. According to Mike Barrett, Williams's manager, the ringside doctor thought Williams looked like a

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you gave him £1 million," mind. I'm no medical expert Barrett said. "But this is one and I'm not accusing Chanet's dope test I hope will prove positive so we can find out what exactly happened."

people of anything."

Perhaps the answer lies in a bug hitting Williams's stom-

test. The reports from the hospital are expected today. Williams said: "Before the after.

Solution of thousand I would finish Barrett is claiming a refight, I thought I would finish it within a minute. Chanet shouldn't have been in the

same ring as me: I wouldn't use him for sparring." But after the first round, in to use "New Skin" on a cut. If which he almost stopped the this could be proved. Williams 35-year-old Frenchman, Wil- would have a strong case, and liams complained that Chanet the boxing board would have looked like a man miles away. to press for a rematch. "As I walked to come back to Johnny Nelson, the Shefmy corner. I seemed to be field cruiserweight, who was

(6-2) and 119-116 (4-1). blue dye from Chanet's gloves wood. He will be meeting might have affected Williams. Dino Homesy, an heavy-"Maybe it somehow had an weight, from the United "Maybe it somehow had an effect when it came off,"

"He wouldn't take drugs if Barrett said. "But I've an open

that exactly happened." bug hitting Williams's stom-The British Boxing Board of ach before Chanet could catch Control has asked the French him on his chin. Williams had federation for the results of the caten a meal of chicken and spaghetti six hours before his French boxing authorities and bout, and was suffering from a severe stomach upset the day

> match on the grounds that the bout had no European Boxing Union supervisor, and Chanet's corner was allowed

walking forever. I don't know was criticized for his defensive how I got through the 12 performance against Carlos rounds." Williams lost the DeLeon, the World Boxing bout 118-112 (8-2), 118-114 Council champion, 10 days ago, makes his next appear-Barrett suggested that the ance on February 14 at Brent-

## Reefer aims for the top

Mark Reefer, the Commonwealth super-featherweight boxing champion, could earn a world title chance later this year if he wins the European title from Daniel Londas, of France, at Brentwood next

Kamel Boul Ali, of Tunisia. the World Boxing Organiza-tion champion, is the man being lined up for Reefer, with Barry Hearn, the promoter, hoping to stage the contest in Britain in October.

In the meantime, Reefer has a busy schedule ahead and has been pencilled in for a Commonwealth title defence in Norwich on March 20, and a British title bout against either John Docherty or Joey Jacobs, who met for the domestic crown last night in Oldham, in the summer,

Hearn said: "Mark is going to knock out Londas, then we'll make sure we get that little Tunisian over here. Mark will knock him out as

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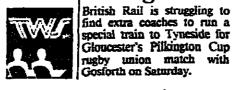
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#### **Olympic** union East Berlin (Reuter) - An East

German Olympic official said a combined East and West German Olympic team would be possible only if political developments allowed it. "As long as there are two German states, there will be

two National Olympic Committees (NOC) and two Olympic teams," Volker Kluge, an East German NOC spokesman, said yesterday.

## New backing

Kent County Cricket Club are to receive sponsorship in the region of £150,000 from Blue Circle Industries over the next three years, it was announced vesterday. Taking stock

ugby union match with

Kingdom: top award Carrying on

Barcelona (Reuter) - The Spanish tennis federation yesterday rejected an offer of resignation from Manuel Orantes, their Davis Cup team coach, following Spain's 3-2 first-round defeat by Austria at the weekend.

Safety first Work has begun on resurfacing the Mallory Park motor racing circuit in Leicestershire as part of a £100,000 package

#### Early chance Nick Gillingham has an carly

opportunity to put his dis appointing Commonwealth Games behind him when he competes in the Swimming World Cup meet in Bonn In the chase

#### Singapore (AFP) - Twenty five countries will tee-off in

the qualifying round of the Dunhill Cup golf championships here tomorrow for the right to play in the finals in Scotland in October. Staying put

The Prudential national ten-

#### nis championships will be held at the Telford Racquet Centre from October 29 to

Crowned New York (AP) - Roger Kingdom, the double Olympic champion who set a world record in the men's 110-metre high hurdles last year, was vesterday awarded the 1990 Jesse Owens International

#### National weights tempt **Desert Orchid stable** By Michael Seely

The publication of the Grand National weights vesterday fuelled the debate concerning Desert Orchid's participation in the Seagram Grand Natonal on April 7. His trainer, David Elsworth, described the 12st 21b allotted to the horse as "a racing weight". He added: "As far as I'm concerned, hopes are still alive that Desert Orchid will run in the National."

However, the part-owner, Richard Burridge, remains unconvinced, "Desert Orchid runs at Ascot tomorrow and I shall speak to David Elsworth and the other owners then. At the moment, though, I feel it is highly unlikely that the horse will run at Aintree."

Christopher Mordaunt, the Jockey Club handicapper, has certainly dangled a tempting carrot in front of the connections of the nation's most popular race horse. Last year's Cheltenham Gold Cup winner is far more lemently treated

than he would be in a race over "park" or normal fences. Mordaunt said: "Desert Orchid will be meeting every horse in the race on at least 41b better terms than he would in a normal handicap. This was the case with Burrough Hill Lad. It is all a question of balance. There is one basic reason. I had to look at the race as a whole and then decide if a horse has sufficient ability to be given more than 11.10. Desert Orchid falls into this category."

Rival trainers, however, were far from pleased. Nicky Henderson, the handler of the strongly fancied second favourite. Brown Windsor, said, commenting about the 10.10 given to his horse. According to me. Desert Orchid should be on 12.11.
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